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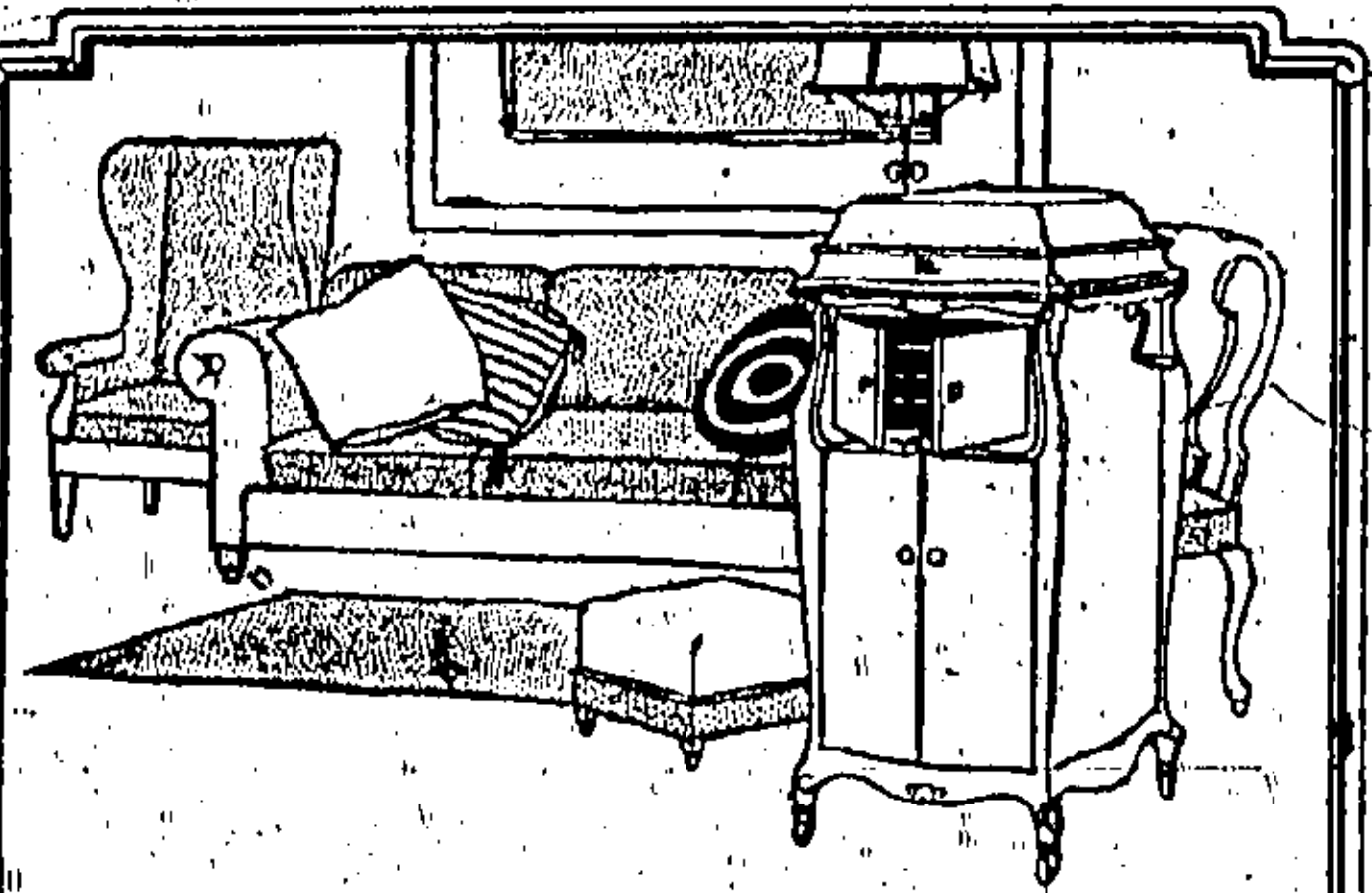
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IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, May 5.

In the House of Commons Sir Kingsley Wood asked for information regarding the anti-piratical measures in Chinese waters and compensation in respect of dead and disabled British officers.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for Colonies, replied that he was awaiting a report which would doubtless deal with the question of compensation and detail the steps taken.

Mr. Thomas said British owners of vessels concerned had not been approached by the Colonial Office on the subject of their responsibility for compensation.

Captain Viscount Curzon asked whether Mr. Thomas was able to do anything to increase the use of wireless on ships in Chinese waters.

Mr. Thomas said the difficulty was being considered in all its very wide aspects.

Grants are now being made by the Hongkong Government in the event of the death or disablement of officers of ships on the Hongkong register by reason of piratical attacks, provided that in no case will a grant be made unless the Government is satisfied that the Piracy Regulations have been properly observed. In the event of death the equivalent of two years' actual pay will be credited to the estate of the deceased, and in case of disablements an allowance equivalent to the actual rate of wages of the injured officer will be paid so long as he is certified by a Government Medical Officer to be unfit to perform his duties, up to a maximum period of one year. This undertaking on the part of the Government is not intended to relieve Shipping Companies of their responsibilities in the matter of the insurance of their officers but is intended to supplement such arrangements as may be made by the Companies. Many shipping companies have taken out insurance policies for their officers.

GLITTERING HIGHWAY.

AMERICA'S NEW MAIL SERVICE.

NEW YORK TO 'FRISCO.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, May 5.

The Post Office has established a direct New York to San Francisco air mail service beginning July 1.

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CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICANS AND LEICESTERSHIRE.

London, May 5.

At Leicester, in the Leicestershire v. South Africans match, at the close of play, the South Africans had scored 153 runs.

Catfield compiled 44 and Taylor 60 not out.

Astill took five wickets for 70 runs and Geary 4 for 38 runs.

Leicestershire scored 90 runs.

Blakenberg took 5 wickets for 23 runs and Carter 3 wickets for 8 runs.

In their second innings South Africa scored 10 runs for the loss of two wickets.

Surrey v. Glamorgan.

At the Oval, Surrey defeated Glamorgan by an innings and 24 runs.

Peach for Surrey scored 92.

BORDER DISPUTE.

London, May 5.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for Colonies, announced the appointment of Mr. John McNeill as Free State representative for the Irish Boundary Commission.

His Majesty's Government has requested the Northern Ireland Government to make a similar appointment and steps have been taken to appoint a chairman.

Reuter.

OFF AGAIN.

Manila, May 5.

Ira Sparks set sail on board his 20-foot boat "Dauntless," from Mindanao for Singapore on April 25, according to a constabulary report.—Reuter.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

SOCIALISTS HEAD THE POLL.

GOVERNMENT PROSPECTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, May 5.

The provisional final results of the German elections are as follows:—

Socialists	99
Communists	59
Democrats	25
Centre Party	61
Bavarian People's Party	15
German People's Party	44
German Nationals	93
Extreme Nationals	28
Hanoverians	5
Other Parties	19

Thus the Socialists remain the largest Party and will undoubtedly be called to form a government, which, however, is only possible if the Socialists obtain the support of the Democrats, the centrists and the German People's Party. But since the foregoing favour the carrying out of the experts' report it is practically certain the new government will be a reversion to the old "big coalition" which with about 234 supporters will be opposed by about 216 German Nationals, Communists, Extreme Nationalists and minor Parties.

Responsible opinion in London holds the view that the results of the German elections will not materially affect the Experts Report and expects that the Nationalists will support the necessary legislation in connexion therewith.

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FALSE PASS (ALASKA) May 5.

Major Martin is reported to have been seen a hundred miles west of Chignik seven hours after his departure from Chignik on April 30.

[The Portuguese airmen have arrived at Karachi Strong headwinds and dust storms along the coast of Baluchistan hindered their progress.—M. D'Oisy has arrived at Calcutta.]

DOISY'S FEAT.

PARIS, May 5.

It is officially stated that M. Doisy covered the distance from Agra to Calcutta in 396 minutes. He experienced a temperature of 108 degrees.

The Under Secretary of Air has conveyed the Air Force's thanks to the British Air Ministry for the valuable help given to M. Doisy during the whole flight across British India.

(Reuter's Special.)

CALCUTTA, May 5.

M. Doisy arrived at Dum Dum Aerodrome at one o'clock this afternoon having flown approximately 750 miles from Agra to Calcutta in 6 1/2 hours. He was enthusiastically welcomed by the French Colony. He is likely to remain in Calcutta from two to three days owing to the necessity of making slight repairs to the wings of his machine.

TRADE OFFICE RAID.

RUSSIANS DEMAND SATISFACTION.

Berlin, May 5.

The Russian Ambassador Kreistinski is leaving for Moscow to-night in consequence of the police raid on the offices of the Russian Trade Delegation which will remain closed until the German Government has given satisfaction.

Another Russian note with reference to the affair was presented to the Foreign Office to-day.—Reuter.

McKENNA DUTIES.

CABINET'S DECISION.

London, May 5.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin gave notice of motion that it is inexpedient to remove the McKenna duties amidst the present distress.—Reuter.

[The McKenna duties were a war measure imposed in 1916. Mr. Bonar Law undertook to remove them after the war. They included tariffs of 33 1/8 per cent. on imported motor cars, pianos, watches, clocks, cinema films and a few other articles. There have been intimations in the papers lately on the part of a number of manufacturers in the trades concerned, particularly the motor car makers, that abolition of the duties would mean the wholesale dismissal of workers. Hence the doubt whether the Labour Government would abolish the duties and Mr. Snowden's explanation during the Budget debate that the date of abolition was fixed for August 1 in order to avoid inconvenience to the trades concerned.]

INDIANS' RIGHTS.

UNITED STATES DENIES CITIZENSHIP.

London, May 5.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. Baker, Prof. R. Richards, Under Secretary for India, said that the United States Government's refusal to naturalise Indians was due to the Supreme Court's ruling that Indians were ineligible for United States citizenship.

His Majesty's Government had made representations to the United States with a view to alleviating the hardships resulting from this ruling. The Government of India and Lord Olivier had been corresponding regarding the matter and the Government of India had expressed its appreciation of His Majesty's Government's action.—Reuter.

MINERS' CHOICE.

STRIKE OR APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT.

London, May 5.

Mr. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation, speaking at Pontypool, referred to the court of enquiry into miners' wages which had just concluded its sittings and said that unless the court made some tangible recommendation the enquiry had been a waste of time.

He had arranged to meet the coal owners on May 14 and if the men's proposals were not satisfied, there would be only two alternatives—to strike or to appeal to the Government which had the power to grant just demands.—Reuter.

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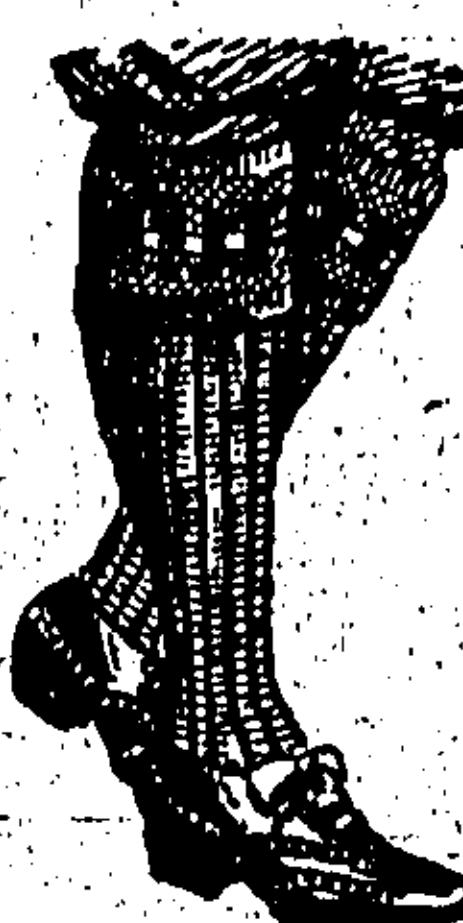
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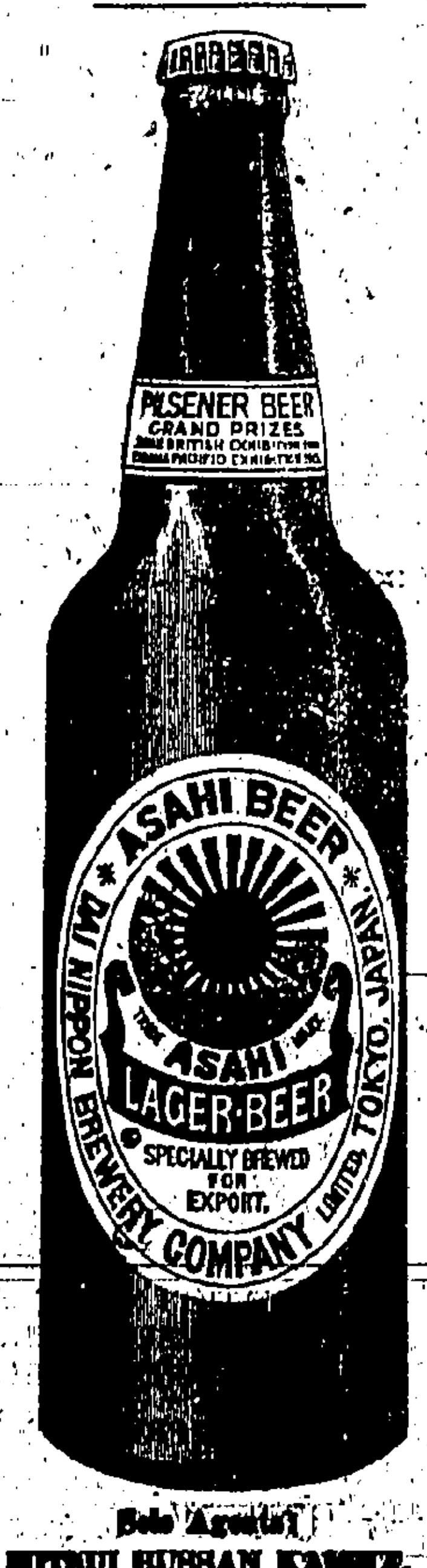
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A Cure For Leprosy.

Sir Leonard Rogers, of the Indian Medical Service has now been able to declare that he has found a treatment which he believes will arrest and cure leprosy. The treatment arose out of an examination of the old Indian remedy, chaulmoogra oil. The found that what would kill the bacillus of leprosy was something in the acids in this oil. By taking out these acids and combining them with another chemical compound Sir Leonard Rogers got a preparation which, when injected into the sufferer from leprosy, killed the bacillus and made the leper himself non-infectious to others. Wonderful results have been achieved by the treatment at present carried on in the asylums, and at the dispensaries where out-patients are treated. From time immemorial the lepers of India have been anointing themselves with chaulmoogra and other oils because they found them so soothing, but it is modern research which has led to the preparation of really curative products from these oils. The difficulty about being sure that absolute cures have been effected is that the incubation period is about seven years. —The Children's News.

The Short Story.

For what is a short story? That depends on which short story writer you ask for an opinion. Here has Mr. Joseph in "Short Story Writing for Profit" spent two hundred interesting pages in telling the beginner just what the short story should not be—and yet—has he quite satisfied us? But then he has hampered himself by that dangerous word "profit." A money-making short story has even more limitations than a short story written for love. But it may be taken as a general rule that if it is over 8,000 words you will be told that it isn't a short story but a scamped novel, and if it is under 8,000 words your critic will shrug his shoulders and hiss at you the fatal word, "Anecdote!" And yet one of the two finest short stories in literature, "The Cask of Amontillado," is a bare 3,000, while Kipling's "They" is over 11,000. But what does the actual length matter? you say. The question stands—What is a short story, and how shall we know when we read that it is neither mere anecdote nor a scamped novel, but the true heir to the throne of Poe and Maupassant? Give us a definition of its quality! That is no easy thing to do; but I think I should describe it, if I had to write a dictionary definition, as the brief account of a single incident which acts as a turning point in the development of a character or a group of characters, and by the light of which their personalities can be understood, their past explained, and their future predicted by the reader. But such a short story will not necessarily sell well. And what is the good of anything that does not sell? Ah,

MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS OF THE DAY.



TOP: WARREN T. MCCRAY & HERBERT JOHNSON;
CENTRE: BISHOP MANNING & MRS. ASH CANDLEY;
BOTTOM: REV. DR. W. N. GUTHRIE & H. CABOT LODGE.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge visited President Coolidge with a request that he demand the resignation of the then Attorney-General Mr. Daugherty. Because he insisted on continuing ritualistic dances in the famous St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery Church in New York City. Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie has been notified by Bishop William T. Manning that his church has been cut off from Episcopal visitation and ministrations. Governor Warren T. McCray, of Indiana, has been placed on trial on charges of larceny and embezzlement of \$155,000 of State Board of Agriculture funds. Senator Hiram Johnson ran a neck-and-neck race with President Coolidge in the Republican Presidential primary in South Dakota. Because of his arrest of Mrs. Asa G. Candler, second wife of Atlanta's coca cola king, whom he charged with being in a "dive," the Chief of Police, James L. Beavers has been suspended, and will be tried "for making an arrest that may result in divorce proceedings."

well—believing as I do that if you deliberately write for profit you are damned, perhaps I am prejudiced against this volume of advice to beginners. There is no doubt that it is a shrewd book, a sensible book, a book on which to sharpen one's commonsensical faculties after the story is written. But before—I still think that the golden rule is, "Look in your heart and write!" without stopping to consider whether the publishers and editors are going to pay you in kicks or halfpence. But when it comes to the "how" instead of the "what" to write, Mr. Joseph's "reading is food and drink to the writer" cannot be bettered. There is no safer school than the work of the big writers. I speak not of the dead—it is the fashion to despise all literature that is more than twenty years old, and who dare go against the fashion?—I speak of the living, of such writers of short stories as Rudyard Kipling, John Galsworthy, H. G. Wells, Arnold Bennett, F. W. Bain, Oliver Onions, Stacy Aumonier, James Stephens, Somerset Maugham, Hugh Walpole, Joseph Conrad, and H. W. Tomlinson.—Clemence Dane in "Good Housekeeping."

KING'S MUSIC.

LONDON, May 5.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 16th May, 1924, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1923, and of declaring Dividends etcetera.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from May 2nd to May 16th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 26th April 1924.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 26th April 1924.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the Company will be held at 3.00 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, 2nd floor, China Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 9th day of May, 1924.

By Order,
CHINO AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1924.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that scrip No. 427 for 500 shares Ewo Cotton Mills Ltd. in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRAHAM of Hongkong to gether with a duly executed transfer deed purporting to assign the said shares has been lost.

The said shares are the property of the undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a duplicate scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said shares without reference to the undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the undersigned.

Messrs. ELLIS & CO.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1924.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 23rd May, 1924, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May 1924, both days inclusive.

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JOSEPH GOULD.
Hongkong, 1st May 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Gen. Kusmanek, the defender of Przemyśl fortress, has died in Vienna.

Germans last year smoked 26 thousand million cigarettes, as compared with 12 thousand million in 1914.

Miss Leila Megane, the Welsh contralto, has married Mr. Osborn Roberts, the Welsh composer, in New York.

The Comte de Ste. Aulaire, the French Ambassador in London, has been appointed Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour.

From April 1, railway fares were increased in Belgium by 28 per cent. for first class and 25 per cent. for second and third class.

For placing lighted tow under a horse's tail Josiah Hughes, a carman, was at Willesden sentenced to a month's hard labour.

On April 4 at 3 p.m. the first of the experimental talks to schools from 2 L.O. (London broadcasting station) were given by Sir Henry Walford Davies.

A collision between the Bradford City Corporation fire brigade motor tender and an electric tramway-car resulted in three firemen being injured.

The fate of Brighton Aquarium which was condemned to demolition and then relieved, is to come up for discussion again at a meeting of the town council.

In the interests of economy the Canadian Government has allowed a vote of \$120,000 for completing the main tower of the new Parliament building to stand over.

The Chinese Foreign Office states in a Note to M. Karakhan, the Soviet representative in Peking, that the Chinese Government is ready to resume negotiations with Moscow.

Col. H. W. Burton, of Church Hill, Wickford, Essex, was unanimously adopted prospective Conservative candidate by the Sudbury (Suffolk) Conservative Association.

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FOOTBALL.

The football season concluded on Saturday with a match between the Hongkong Football Club and the East Surreys, which ended in a goalless draw. There was a poor attendance on the Club ground. Owing to the lateness of the season, the home team found difficulty in making up a side and had to summon aid from five Kowloon players. The gate money—less than \$100—was for charity. During the match the band of the East Surreys played selections. There were several narrow escapes. Cooper of the Club on one occasion sending in a high shot which almost beat Douglas. The ball rebounded over his head but he managed to clear in time. Neither team had scored at the finish and the Club rounded off their season in the same way as they had opened it.

Alderman Joseph E. Clayton, of Chesterfield, has just completed 35 years' service on Chesterfield School Board and Education Committee meeting.

Suffering from wounds on the breast and arms, Miss Elizabeth Smith, an assistant, was found in a room above Messrs. Peck's stores, London-street, Greenwich. Later the police detained a youth.

Canon Joseph Thomas Fowler died at Winterton, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, aged 61. For over forty years he was vice-principal of Hatfield College, Durham, and was hon. canon of Durham.

Signor Mussolini delivered his first speech of the Italian election campaign before 5,000 mayors of Fascist towns. For the first time in Italy the speech was broadcast and was heard clearly in all parts of the country.

M. Chicherin the Russian Commissary for Foreign Affairs, states that he has never said that the appointment of Mr. James O'Grady, M.P., as British Ambassador to Russia would be regarded as undesirable by the Soviet Government.

The kitchen and waiting staffs at the House of Commons, who do not receive pay during the recesses, have formed themselves into a branch of the Workers' Union and the first concession they will urge is that their salaries should be on an annual basis.

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DEATH.

GARROD.—Henry George Garrod,
aged 46 years, late of the
Hongkong Police. Passed
away on Sunday, May 4, at
Portsmouth, England.

The China Mail.

PUBLISHED TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1924.

THAT LATEST PIRATE
ATTACK.The fatal results which have
attended the latest piracy were
not required to make the attack
as serious as any that has yet been
made against larger vessels in
South China waters; the outrage
is far too disturbing as still
another example of the contemptin which the marauding gangs
have come to hold the flags of
foreign nations. Ships of almost
every maritime nation have been
seized and looted, and still the
repressive measures have failed to
show any marked results for the
better. Possibly this is because
hitherto any action taken has been
largely left to individual nations
like Britain and Portugal through
their respective colonies Hong-
kong and Macao. Obviously the
great need now is co-operation.
As we understand the matter, the
Colony is being heavily saddled
with the cost of convoys now in
force; whilst the cost of insurance
has also to be met. Rightly this
should not be. A stable Govern-
ment at Canton would see tomatters. These extra charges,
might easily fall on the cost of
foodstuffs carried by certain of
the convoyed boats, and press
hardly on the consumer—prin-
ciple Chinese; but a benevolent
British Government decides other-
wise, and its action is probably
misunderstood as a sign of weak-
ness. But if the Government is
not in a position to press its
already heavy account in connec-
tion with the Kowloon-Canton
railway to suggest that the cost of
convoy, insurance, etc., be added,
seems absurd. A scheme of
co-operation between British,
French and Portuguese, seems
very necessary. It is useless to
stop piracy—they have not
necessarily been eradicated—of
British steamers, and have them
break out elsewhere. The trouble
is simply transferred to somewhat
easier catches. It is at least up
to our Portuguese friends to model
their precautions somewhat on the
same lines as the British, and to
devise some simple scheme of
co-operation which would become
effective at the first outbreak of
the trouble. We cannot see how
any scheme that the mind of man
can plan, that fails to allow for
aeroplanes, is likely to succeed.
Surely the authorities must see
how essential these things are for
scouting purposes; observation,
and the message which they alone
can preach. But the pressing
need is co-operation.Listening-In.
We are told by one who is entitled
to speak that the spread of the
"habit" of broadcasting has meant
an increased interest in, and
request for, what is wrongly
termed "high-brow" music. This
is all to the good. The crudely
popular will always have its own
appeal, an appeal to the imagina-
tion and mind which necessitates
no deep feeling or longing, and
strikes a responsive chord which
is early satiated. The gram-
phone now, as in its early days,
catered for all classes, particularly
for the two classes who may be
termed in favour of the popular
and the less—the very less
popular. But it would be truthful
to say that the gramophone
stirred the imaginations—latent
more often than not—which led
to a desire for the "best" in music
that it is possible to give. Thus
it is that whilst those who take
the gramophone seriously will
have a preponderance of light and
fleeing examples of music, there
will also be included examples of
the less ephemeral and more
solid. Listening-in locally has
not yet reached the level that
prevails in other places—notably
at Home. But that perhaps is
only a matter of time. When the
demand sets in, how is it to be
met? By a recital of dialect stories
of a more or less artistic kind; by
music good and bad; songs, etc.,
etc.? It would be foolish to cater
for one class at the expense of
another, but there would seem to
be a great opportunity to make
known the great human value of
"high-brow" or good music. At
Home there is a warfare as to
what constitutes good and bad
listeners, lure, and the following
has been suggested for dis-

putants:—

B.B.C. Applause Card,

To 2LO.—

I listened to your programme

on evening, and on

the whole I thought it was Very

Good (cross out the

Fair lines you don't

Rotten agree with)

and in particular I enjoyed the

item by I am

..... miles from 2LO.

and use a set.

Yours faithfully,

The idea might be adopted

locally, when, as we hope, listen-

ing-in will be more universal than

it is at the moment.

P h e w !

The man who takes his regular

morning dip the whole year round,

in some lake, river, or ocean, is

not unknown. In proportion to

the population his numbers are

relatively small—which, perhaps,

is unfortunate for Doctors and

undertakers. There is also the

opposite to a rag and a bone and

a hand of hair, who rejoices in

that he takes a regular dip for

breakfast all the year round. The

mere suggestion of it as we write

brings already overworked pores

into action and adds to our discom-

fort which is our daily portion

from now onwards until the

shades of night creep in nearer

and nearer. Is not some pioneer

needed who will blazon forth what
sticky humanity needs in this
portion of the globe to keep cool
in body and consequently in
temper? Our Doctors might will
be relieved by their Society of the
hidebound customs which keep
them religiously behind brass
plates, and tell us what we need
in the way of diet and clothing to
keep us from drowning our
morrow in drink, and committing
the happy dispatch on all who
cross our harried nerves. What
about a series of cold collations
instead of the hot things that
purveyors print on their menus?
What about a course of fruit
dishes? Do we need ice in all its
attractive coolth to the extent that
we use it in our viands? Could it
not be made in such blocks and at
such a price so that columns of it
it would be a feature in our stores?
Then again what about dress? We
see a half-hearted attempt to
introduce the Byron Collar for
men, but those who, at present,
wear this sensible thing are as
unlike Byron as a sausage to a
China pony, and bring discredit on
a thing that is at least artistic. If
our Sanitary Board think it
expedient to issue instructions
concerning mosquitoes, cannot
they offer something on keeping
cool? We put it to them—and
hope for the best!If locomotive
whistles were
placed in more
forward positions
and adapted to a single high-
pitched note, approximately
\$1,000,000 annually would be
saved on American railway bills
so we are told.
This is according to Professor
Arthur L. Foley, head of the
physics department at Indiana
University. He has made a study
of sound intensity and cost of
operating locomotive whistles,
and claims that the low pitch or
"chimes" whistles are only about
one-sixth as effective as a high-
pitch signal.
The shriek of the present whistle
is limited, he explains, because of
the smokestack, bell, steam dome,
generator, and a blanket of hot
gases in front of it, causing the
sound to be broadcast to the side
of the track, and not down the
right of way toward a crossing.
Dr. Foley has calculated that
2,434,026 tons of coal are consumed
annually in generating steam to
blow the United States locomotive
whistles.Let the children
organise debates,
we are advised.
"Can war be
prevented," debated the chums,
When wearied of chemistry, Latin
and sums;
Three boys on a side; as the argu-
ment waxed
Their tempers, as well as their
noddles, were taxed.
One argument landed on Theo-
bald's eye.
One parted Ben Bolt from his
collar and tie;
That force is no remedy Archibald
shouts.
By holding a reddening rag to his
nose.
They argued three rounds, and the
peace party won,
But not until infinite damage was
done;
The end of the session was Irish
cum Russian,
Discussion, in short, giving way to
concussion.
—L. H.Secondhand book
shops are not
what they were.
Once upon a time no gentleman
was ever asked to buy a book; and
any visitor, by putting in a six-
hour day, could get through
Gibson's "Decline and Fall" in a
year or so with the full connivance
of the bookseller—always provid-
ing he didn't lunch over the book,
of course.
What do we find now? We
find over a bookcase outside a
London shop the following "dis-
countenanced notice":—
Book thieves are warned that
this case is under constant
observation.
Furthermore, one of the books
prominently displayed in the case
is a guide to Dartmoor.
Illiterate days.A "SAKI" (H. H.
Munro), who
gained fame as a
writer of airy
trifles, was killed in an attack on
Beaumont Hamel in November,
1916. A collection of his late
sketches and dramatic pieces, with
a biography by his sister, is now
published under the title of "The
Square Egg" (Bodley Head, 7s.
6d.). The volume contains
many letters from Burma,
written before he gained fame in
London, and as showing that
though just in his twenties, he had
the genuine "Saki" touch. There
is the story of the old Burmese
princess "who carries enough
jewels for twenty ordinary
princesses and takes an annoying
interest in me, and is always pre-
siding me to partake of various fruits
at all hours of the day." She asked
me how old I was, and then told
me I was too tall for my age. Itold her that in this damp climate
one must allow something for
shrinkage, and she did not press
the matter.Printed in the
HUMORIST book is a sketch of
AND the Garden of
HISTORIAN. Eden, which is one
of the most amusing
and characteristic trifles even
"Saki" did. It will, however,
come as news to many of his
admirers to learn that besides
being a comic artist of consider-
able originality (the book is
illustrated with many happy
sketches) and a dramatist, Munro
published in 1900 an entirely
serious work entitled "The Rise
of the Russian Empire." It has
been described as better written
and more interesting than Ram-
baud's "History."There was a young man
A LIMP of Gaiter's
Who sat up all night
playing Patience.
A singular name
To bestow on a game
That occasion'd such loud objur-
gations.The picture-
going habit
is respon-
sible for
much confusion in the child mind.
The Sunday school teacher ask-
ing what Noah did while the
animals were going into the Ark,
drew several blanks.
Finally a little girl at the back
raised a hand.
"He was taking" the tickets,
miss," she said.To-day's Poem.
("Thrushes.")
The City Financier
walks in the gardens
stiffly, because of
his pride and his burdens.
The daisies, looking
up, observe
only a self-
respecting curve.
The thrushes, only
see a flat
table-land
of shiny hat.
He looks importantly
about him,
while all the spring
goes on without him.
—H. Wolfe.WEATHER CALENDAR.
MAY 6.
1781. Though it is a bitter north-
east, I came hither to-day
to look at my illacs, though
a la glace.—Walpole.POINTS OF VIEW.
Competition is the life of trade.
—American Ambassador.
It is only cowards who pretend
that consistency is a virtue.—Mr.
J. H. Thomas, M.P.
Scientific discoveries are the
possession of the whole civilised
world.—The Duke of York.
A nation without a saint lacks
something that nothing else can
supply.—Prime Minister.
The young woman of to-day has
not much to hide, and if she had
she wouldn't hide it!—Miss Viola
Tree.
You cannot in these days dis-
cuss the problems of the working
class as if they did not exist.—Mr.
E. Bevin.
The young woman of to-day
does everything she possibly can
to imitate the courtesan.—Lady F.
Balfour.
It is not now considered fash-
ionable to go out and get drunk on
Saturday night.—Chief Constable
of Birkenhead.
No man, saint or layman, has
ever won the heart of Ireland to
the extent that St. Patrick won
it.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor.SHADOWS BEFORE.
Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.ENTERTAINMENTS.
May 6.—Coronet Theatre; Lon-
Chaney in "The Hunchback of
Notre Dame."
May 6.—Star Theatre, Kowloon;
Pola Negri in "Passion."
May 6.—World Theatre;
Jack Hoxie in "Men in the Raw."
May 6.—Queen's Theatre;
Marian Cooper in "Daughters of
the Rich."
May 6.—Theatre Royal, Wil-
liam Hoeghan, renowned Scottish
Bard, performs in an amazing
repertoire of songs.
May 6.—At Holms May Institute,
moving pictures of Hongkong taken
for Empire Exhibition, 5.30 p.m.SOCIAL.
May 7.—All Scottish night.
May 17.—Dance at Peak Club,
9.15 p.m.
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club,
9.15 p.m.SPORTS.
May 24.—Third extra Race Meet-
ing of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

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densing that period into a day of
24 hours we find that man as man
has been alive for two minutes
only. The striking statement
made by Professor S. J. Schofield
at the Hongkong University
yesterday when addressing the
University Engineering Society on
the subject of "Geology and its
relation with other Sciences."The lecture is of particular
interest as Prof. Schofield arrived
in Hongkong last November from
the University of British
Columbia at the invitation of the
local Government to make a
geological survey not only of the
Island but of the New Territories
as well. His researches will last
for the greater part of three years
at the end of which period he will
make a report.The ground covered in yester-
day's lecture, was of a general
nature and exceedingly interest-
ing. The hall was filled with
students and University lecturers
and the speaker held their atten-
tion for fully an hour.
God's Manuscript.Professor Schofield commenced
his lecture by quoting Long-
fellow's couplet in honour of the
fiftieth birthday of the Swiss
geologist, Louis Agassiz."And nature, the old nurse, took
The child upon her knee
Saying: 'Here is a story book
Thy father has written for
thee.'""Come, wander with me," she
said
"Into regions yet untrod:
And read what is still unread
In the manuscript of God.""Geology," said Prof. Schofield,
"is the study of the earth as we
find it recorded in the rocky
archives of the earth's crust. It
deals not only with the rocks of
the earth but also with the
remains of life embedded in those
rocks. Thus it has to do with us,
the living, since it is from these
prehistoric individuals that we
have descended by a long and
painful evolution, for even to-day
man is not very comfortable in his
surroundings because he is not
completely adjusted to them.""Geology is thus a study of life
from the beginning and must
therefore precede ancient history.
Going back still further into the
past we come to archaeology
which deals with the study of
ancient cultures but to place these
cultures in the time scale the
archaeologist has to call in the
geologist."Hongkong's Reptiles.
"Events in history are placed
not only by dates but by the
families reigning at the time. In
a similar way geological events are
dated and referred to the families
of animals which reigned at the
time. For example, the mountains
around Hongkong came out of the
sea about 9,000,000 years ago
during the reign of the reptiles,
that is at that time the reptiles
were the dominant families in the
world; no birds, no mammals
existed and of course no man, as
man is a mammal."A Time Scale.
Professor Schofield gave the
following geological time scale,
remarking that as in the case of a
Chinese book, one had to com-
mence at the bottom and read
forward.6 Cenozoic period (commencing
3 million years ago)
5 Mesozoic (12 million years)
4 Upper Palaeozoic (24 " " " ")
3 Lower " (48 " " " ")
2 Proterozoic (96 " " " ")
1 Archæozoic (144 " " " ")During number 1 period there
was no trace of life; in 2 traces
began; in 3 one had the inverte-
brates; in 4 the amphibians; in 5
the reptiles; in 6 the mammals."How was this record obtained
from the archives of the earth?
Let us imagine a land mass such
as the Canadian shield which has
been land since the beginning of
the Proterozoic. The rain falling
on this land would carry sediment
to the sea where it would be
deposited in horizontal layers.
These layers would contain the
remains of any life which dwelt
in the sea and some of that which
inhabited the land throughout all
time to the present if the basin
remained in existence that length
of time.""How do we obtain access to the
beginning of these records? In
certain well defined areas of the
world the rocks are not so hori-
zontal as around Hongkong and
all mountainous districts. The
rocks in these well defined areas

TENNIS OFF.

JAPANESE PLAYER ILL.

Hongkong tennis enthusiasts
who were looking forward to the
match this afternoon in which T.
Honda (singles champion) was to
have been partnered by Ohta, the
Japanese Olympic player who is
passing through, against Ng Sac-
kwong and R. E. Worthington,
will learn with regret that the
match is off. When the "Katori
Maru" arrived Ohta was ill
and with appendicitis had
to be taken ashore for an
operation. The match has there-
fore been unavoidably cancelled.
Ohta is the fourth of the
Japanese Olympic players who
was going to join the other three
in Paris. He has definitely
abandoned the trip and another
will make up the quartette.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There will be no meeting of
the Board of Education to-morrow.The telephone service is liable
to interruption at 4 p.m. to-morrow
when fire drill will be practiced
by the traffic staff at the Central
Exchange.A stone-breaker working at
Talkktsui yesterday was injured
through a rock falling on him.
When examined at the Kwong
Wah hospital it was found that his
body was hurt in several places.John Kahoe, an Hawaiian was
again remanded this morning on
the charge brought against him of
being in possession of over 800
taels of opium. The opium, it was
previously stated, had been found
in his guitar case and in various
parcels.The Benevolent Society is in
urgent need of funds as so many
repatriations have come before the
Committee. \$1000 are needed to
meet the cases at present on the
books. Donations received by the
Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Murray, 287
Peak.—Adv.Yesterday, rider-main restric-
tions were brought into force in
that part of Hongkong west of
Eastern Street and to-day there is
another notification that the rider-
mains will be turned on for two
hours daily in all districts on and
after Wednesday.Through a gun exploding in
his hands yesterday, an Aberdeen
fisherman has had several fingers
of his right hand blown off. He
was on board his boat in Aberdeen
harbour when the accident occurred
and the gun exploded while he
was loading it with powder. He
was subsequently taken to hospital.Demands for large sums have
been received by the Chinese
ferry company which operates the
two boats between Hongkong and
Shek-ki, the capital of the Heung-
shen district. The ferries leave
Hongkong and Shek-ki every
morning and carry a fair number
of passengers with the usual small
lots of cargo. Two steam-launches
have been purchased to protect the
two boats from any attacks pirates
may make to carry out their
threats and an armed junk is also
according protection.In the course of a kidnapping
prosecution at the Police Court
yesterday, it was alleged that a
Chinese boy who had been decoyed
from his mother had been
publicly offered for sale by two
clansmen in the streets of Wan-
chi, 440 being demanded as the
price. After evidence had been
given, one of the prisoners was
sentenced to six months' hard
labour and the second discharged.
The boy has not yet been found.The Hongkong University
Union magazine, No. 2 of Vol. 2
is distinguished by a very refresh-
ing and outspoken Editorial, and
an article entitled, "What city
woman do I name?" which should
interest, at least, the lady under-
graduates of the University. For
the rest, the magazine is full of
accounts of the occurrences at
the University both on its sports
and social side.are inclined at all angles so that
by erosion the edges of the strata
are exposed down to the lower-
most page."

A Glorious Ancestry.

In conclusion Prof. Schofield
said that the order of the appear-
ance of life on the earth corre-
sponded with the development of
life from the egg to the adult, the
remains found in the rocks of the
several periods representing the
various stages of growth. This
development represented the his-
tory of the race—the gradual
development from the lower to the
higher. Of that there could be no
doubt, at all the records that we
had a long and noble ancestry were
clear and distinct.Professor Schofield was heartily
thanked for his lecture and ques-
tions were asked and answered.

PIRACY EVIL.

How It Cripples Trade.

WORST YEAR FOR SHIPPING.

Indo-China S. N. Annual Meeting.

How the growing piracy evil in South China waters is gravely hampering trade was mentioned in the speech made by the Chairman of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., at the annual meeting held this morning in the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The Chairman, in the course of his speech, also made reference to the loss of the "Loongsang" in last year's big typhoon and to the Japanese earthquake.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and the following were present: Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie, A. R. Lowe, Lo Cheung-shu, P. Tod, Ho Leung, D. McMurray, A. M. da Silva, N. L. Ruffin, W. B. Cornhill, E. B. C. Hornell, F. C. Hall, R. E. Macdonald, Lo Man-hin, A. B. Stewart, Ho Chai-ki, Ho Tsz-ying, W. Galloway, J. F. Wright, and E. F. Aucott (Secretary).

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, the report and statement of Accounts having been in your hands for some days I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read."

It will be observed from the Company's report that there has been little improvement in the general conditions affecting China's Coast and Riverine trades, and it is a disappointment again to be unable to record the much needed, and greatly to be desired, settlement of China's political problems. Our experience in the year now under review has been a repetition of what happened in 1922, and with little exception the same factors governed the Company's earnings.

It is quite impossible, in the scope of these remarks, to convey an adequate impression of the difficulties continually confronting local shipping companies in the conduct of their business; but I think the world wide publicity given to the chaotic state of China will keep those who have interests in the Far East in touch with what is taking place.

"Hook or by Crook."

The essential domestic requirements of the nation have had to be transported by "hook or by crook" and this unfortunately has entailed the condemnation by merchants of great irregularities on the part of military leaders, who would seem to be in a position to control the flow of commerce wherever and apparently whenever they see fit. These conditions exist more particularly on the Upper Yangtze and in the neighbourhood of the Canton Delta. Added to the drawbacks of military interference are an additional and increasing menace to peaceful trading and water transport has developed to a very alarming extent in the form of piracy in Southern Chinese Waters.

To what extent the state of affairs referred to has contributed to the poor working results shown in our accounts is difficult to say, the more so perhaps because the considerations mentioned last year with regard to holding on to our pivotal trades at all costs remain unaltered. Here I may say that the acquisition of expensive ships soon after the close of the War was necessary to maintain our position in important trades and in furtherance of this policy it is probable that more tonnage will have to be acquired at an early date for the Company's main services.

Meeting Competition.

There are very distinct and welcome signs that our policy of meeting trade competition, involving as it has a heavy monetary sacrifice, has now commenced to bear fruit, and since we met last year, agreements, which in some cases have entailed years of negotiation, have been definitely concluded, whilst others are in process of discussion. That the arrangements come to so far will prove of important financial benefit to the Company is already shown in the working results during the concluding months of the year, and unless some unknown factor disturbs the settlements already come to, and in view, I think I may say that better times are in store for us.

The year now being reviewed was, so far as shipping interests are concerned, perhaps the worst the World has ever known; but it affords some comfort to know that notwithstanding the loss in operating the Fleet, we have been able to maintain our organization at a satisfactory standard of efficiency, and are in a position to take the fullest advantage of that period of prosperity which past experiences show usually follows lean years.

Typhoon Losses.

Brief reference is made in the report to the casualties suffered by the Fleet.

The loss of the "Loongsang" in August last was a lamentable disaster, accompanied unfortunately with serious loss of life, both foreign and native, and I wish to take this opportunity of expressing on behalf of the Company our deep sympathy with the relatives of those who lost their lives in such sad circumstances. The Company granted compensation

allowances where circumstances demanded, and I feel sure that this will have your fullest approval.

The stranding of the "Kunsiang" on Northern Luzon was a most unfortunate accident, but one happily not accompanied by loss of life. The vessel was promptly salvaged, but the extensive nature of the damage was such that the cost of the repairs did not warrant the expense of repairing her, and she was consequently sold.

Dancers from Pirates.

Mention has been made from time to time of important developments in the Upper Yangtze trade, and during last year our representatives at Hankow, Ichang, and Chungking have had a difficult and anxious task in controlling a service which was beset with many and varying difficulties, the most pronounced perhaps being the continued and unjustifiable interference to trade by irresponsible military factions. This gave menace, not only to British trade but to the lives of the personnel of steamers employed, has been frequently and fully represented to the proper authorities, and it is hoped some firm and efficient steps will be taken to remedy a state of affairs which cannot but seriously impair British prestige in China; and it would not be overstating the case to say that those on board vessels running under present conditions are obliged continually to risk their lives in the performance of their duty, a risk not only of dangers of navigation but of death or injury through the indiscriminate firing of Chinese troops on the banks of the river.

New Ships.

Turning to the question of tonnage, the two vessels built for the Manila Line viz: "Suisang" and "Yuenang" have now replaced the old "Yuenang," which was sold, and the "Loongsang" already referred to. The existing conditions and future prospects of this Line are receiving very careful consideration in view of the surplus tonnage operating on the route, especially the vessels of the United States Emergency Fleet Corp., which have become active competitors in the local carrying trade.

To replace the "Koonshing" lost in October 1922 a contract was entered into, on favourable terms, with the Hongkong and Wharfedock Coy., for the construction of a thoroughly up-to-date vessel for the Shanghai-Tientsin Line. The vessel in question, the "Lien-shing," recently launched, will be in commission this month, and should be in every respect suitable for the requirements of the Line.

The urgent need of a light draught vessel for the Ichang-Chungking Line, especially for the winter service, was met by the purchase, on the stocks at Shanghai, of a most suitable steamer designed for this particular trade. She has been named "Kingsong," and is being found satisfactory in every way.

Whilst on this subject I would say that we do not yet seem to be at the end of our troubles with our Ichang-Chungking steamer "Fuhwa," and her repeated breakdowns have been a source of great disappointment. I am glad to be able to state, however, that her builders have now sent a special representative from Home, who is at present at Shanghai, investigating the cause of the unsatisfactory service so far performed.

Our vessels have been maintained at their usual good standard of up-keep, and the thanks of the Company are due to the Staff both afloat and ashore who have performed loyal and valuable service.

Japanese Earthquake.

Closely associated as we are with some of the premier Shipping Companies of Japan, it is only fitting that I should refer to the terrible hardships suffered by the Japanese people in the earthquake of September last, and in doing so tender our sympathy to the sufferers; and also express the hope that with their characteristic resource and energy, our neighbours will soon be able to restore normal conditions of living and commerce.

Our company fortunately did not suffer as a result of the earthquake, and we were able to make the "Namsang" available on special terms, to assist in the Relief Work.

In response to charitable calls the Company has subscribed:—

\$10,000.00 to the Hongkong Nursing Home Memorial Fund.

Tls. 1,000.00 to the Plant Memorial Fund.

MAN'AS NUN.

SEEKING A NIGHT'S SANCTUARY.

AFRAID OF "FEROCIOUS ANIMALS."

A Chinese monk from up-country who is alleged to have masqueraded as a nun arrived at a New Territory nunnery on Sunday evening and begged sanctuary for the night as he was afraid of "ferocious animals" in the open.

The nunnery in question is said to be very popular with the better class Chinese families in Hongkong and many of their women-folk are constant visitors there.

As everybody retired the monk is stated to have suggested that the lights be turned out as his eyes were defective and always suffered from the glare of lamps at night. He was so persistent that the nun in charge suspected his bona fides without doubting that he was also a "nun." He is then alleged to have demanded \$70 to go away with the result that a report was made at the police station and the monk was arrested.

Yesterday he was charged at the Northern District Office with demanding money by monastic and the case was remanded.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. S. Russ, and Mr. E. A. G. May returned to the Colony by the "Empress of Asia."

Captain Plant, who recently died, was as you are aware, one of the pioneer navigators of the Upper Yangtze.

\$2,000.00 to the "Wuhu General Hospital" which contributions I trust will meet with your approval. Turning to the Statement of Accounts it will be seen that the loss on the working of steamers amounted to \$136,271.13 10, which is, however, £198,332.10.11, less than in the previous year.

There was a substantial improvement in earnings during the closing months of the year, which it is hoped will be maintained.

The sum of £185,000 has been transferred from Contingency Account to Revenue Account, to which latter Account has also been credited £50,000, from Investment Fluctuation Reserve. This latter amount is in respect of losses on investments which had previously been written up to their market value and have since been sold.

During the year Securities have been disposed of to meet the cost of new tonnage and current expenses.

The Building Reserve Account has been increased by the sum of £40,662.6.0, representing the amounts received from Underwriters in respect of the loss of the s.s. "Loongsang," and the differences between the book values and the sale price of the s.s. "Yuenang" and s.s. "Kunsiang."

Possible Economies.

Economies in running the Fleet, consistent with efficiency, have been adopted wherever and whenever possible, and if further reduction can be effected in the heavier items of overhead charges, your Directors, who are giving the matter their careful consideration, will give effect thereto.

I do not think there is anything more in the Accounts calling for special comment, and I therefore beg to propose the following resolutions.

That the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and that a Dividend of 6/- per share on the Cumulative Preferred ordinary shares be paid, also that the amount of £1,798.0/- be carried forward to next year. The Dividend on the Shares on the Hongkong Register to be paid at Exchange 2/4 1/4.

As soon as this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which Shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. C. Gordon Mackie seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Mr. E. B. C. Hornell proposed and Mr. Leung seconded the proposal for the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. G. W. Barton as a director of the company from May 31, 1923 which was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. B. Stewart proposed the re-election of the Hon. Sir P. Clater, C. M. G. and Mr. H. P. White as Directors of the Company. Mr. Lo Cheung-shu seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

The re-election of the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. John Fleming as auditors for 1924 at a remuneration of \$5,000 was proposed by Mr. W. Galloway, seconded by Mr. F. C. Hall and carried unanimously.

In conclusion the chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow and could be obtained on application.

ROBBED A FRIEND.

SHIP'S COOK WHO SPENT \$250 IN 36 HOURS.

AMERICAN SENTENCED.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY.

Frank Fagan (G.D.), an American citizen, described as an unemployed ship's cook, of the Sailors' Home, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning for the larceny of a registration card, a pocket book containing £21 and a Shanghai note from Mr. George Galloway, who also lives at the Sailors' Home.

Defendant stated that he had been drinking all day and night and had returned from West Point. He admitted taking the pocket book. "I don't know what made me do it, and I must have been crazy," he said.

Detective Sub-Inspector Shafarin said that defendant had been drinking with complainant in the latter's room. After a final bottle of whisky, they both went to bed. Defendant slept in another room till four o'clock when he went through Quayway's streets and stole the notepad. He was found in a Japanese restaurant at West Point on Sunday when only five 81 notes were recovered and these were hidden in his month. Defendant had been here three weeks and had been supported by the American Consul.

Defendant then pleaded with His Worship for a chance on account of his age and asked that the fact he was not in his full senses be taken into account.

In passing sentence His Worship said that it was the first time defendant had done such a thing. Complainant was a friend of his yet he went through his pockets and took his money. Then in thirty-six hours he went through the \$250.

Sub-Inspector Shafarin applied for an order that the \$5 he returned to Quayway who the inspector said, had lost everything he had in the world. The order was made.

PREMATURE JUDGMENT.

ACTING PUISNE JUDGE'S MISTAKE.

AN EXPRESSION OF OPINION.

There was an interesting sequel to the delivery of judgment by the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, at the Summary Court this morning. He had given judgment for the plaintiff when it was discovered that the defendant solicitor, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, had not been called upon to give his statement at the previous hearing.

Mr. Dyer Ball apologised and fixed a day on which he would hear Mr. Macnamara. His statement that morning could be merely taken as an expression of opinion on the evidence before him at the present.

The case was one in which a tramway conductor claimed from the Peak Tramway Co. \$63, being one month's salary in lieu of notice.

The question he had been called upon to decide, said His Lordship, was whether the Peak Tramway Company was justified in law in dismissing plaintiff without notice and pay. The claim of the Company was that there had been wilful disobedience to the standing orders that plaintiff should appear for duty at 11 o'clock on a particular day—February 28.

It had been shown by the defendant and plaintiff in cross-examination that an hour before plaintiff was due to appear a messenger, sent by plaintiff, explained to the Superintendent, Mr. Scott, that plaintiff was not appearing on duty that day. The answer given by Mr. Scott appeared to have been "all right."

Whether that was so or not the Judge was satisfied that plaintiff's request for leave of absence was not met with a definite refusal and that plaintiff was therefore justified in assuming that he had permission to stay away.

In the Judges opinion defendant had not discharged the onus of proof.

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FOREMAN'S ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE.

WATER WORKS CONTRACT.

The claim that the negligence of a foreman had been leading to delay in the construction of the Kowloon Water Works and that this might lead to the Company's having to undergo penalties for failure to complete the contract in the specified time was put forward by H. C. Mr. Macnamara for the Hongkong Engineering Construction Co. at the Summary Court this morning.

The case was one in which Ho Man-hang, foreman, claimed \$200 from the Co. for the loss of \$100 salary for March and a month's salary in lieu of notice.

Mr. C. A. Russ, for the plaintiff, said that plaintiff had been engaged in December and dismissed on March 6 with no notice. He had had two or three hundred men under him. The burden of privilege was on the defendant company.

Mr. Macnamara accepted the burden of privilege and said that the Company were relying for their defence on the ruling that dismissal without notice could be given in cases where an act of negligence might be attended by serious consequences. Plaintiff had 130 men under him on the Government contract for the construction of works in connection with Kowloon Water Works and it was necessary that the work should be completed before the rainy season set in. The Company were nearly at the end of the time allowed them by contract.

It was part of the foreman's duty, continued Mr. Macnamara, to see that his men were kept at work and although this foreman had previously been warned on more than one occasion he was found on a certain day asleep, or at any rate lying on a bed in a hut. Not only was he not attending to his duties but he had taken off one of the men to warn him of the approach of the Government or Company inspectors.

The Government inspector would tell His Lordship that he had noticed that this work had not been proceeding with proper dispatch and that he had made complaints to the Company.

K.C.C. WHISKY.

BAR BOY CHARGED WITH THEFT.

FIVE WEEKS' JAIL.

A bar-boy employed by the Kowloon Cricket Club was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with stealing five bottles of whisky.

Sub-Inspector Spear stated that the bar-boy was found at 8 a.m. in Austin Road yesterday morning with the five bottles in his possession. At the Station, the accused explained that he was taking them to a Mr. Fraser, but when asked for a confirmation, Mr. Fraser denied all knowledge of the transaction. Then the bar-boy said he was making a present of the whisky to Mr. Nicholas through Mr. Fraser.

According to the bar-manager, the accused was not given permission to take away the whisky. The boy mentioned to him that he was taking them away to present to Mr. Fraser, but he had no chit and before he could take away liquors from the Club he had to have a chit.

The bar-boy was sent to jail for five weeks.

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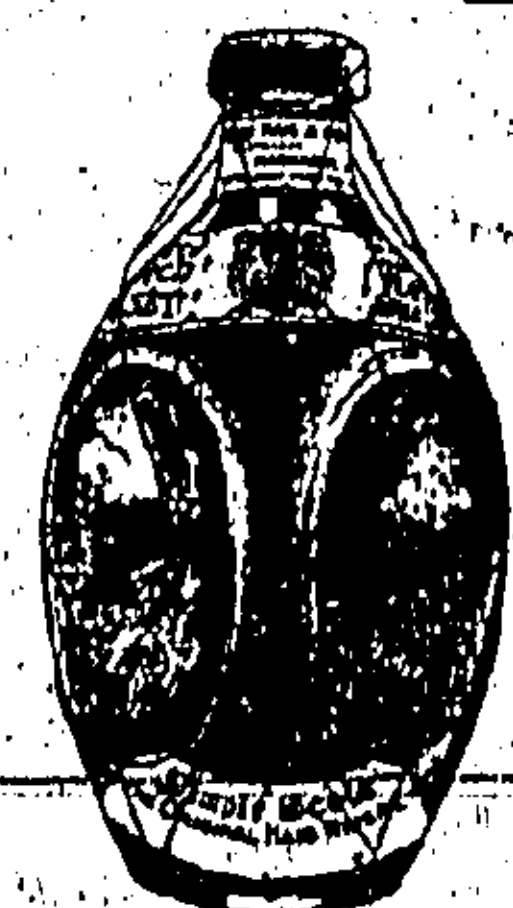
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LAPSES OF MEMORY.

PRIVATE'S COURT MARTIAL DEFENCE.

CRASHED FROM AEROPLANE.

When Private Thomas E. Allum M.M., of the 1st Battalion East Surrey Regt., was charged at a District Court Martial this morning at Murray Barracks with breaking out of Victoria Barracks on April 17, absconding himself without leave until the 19th and with being drunk, he asked that the case be adjourned in order that he could obtain medical evidence from Home. The Medical officer here, he said, had tested his heart and felt his pulse, but he did not consider that a sufficient examination.

The President of the Court, Major P. Rashleigh, D.S.O., Royal Garrison Artillery, who was supported by Capt. D. S. Hey, 24 Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.) and Lieut. Finch-White (East Surreys) told Allum that it was a simple case of drunkenness and he could not see how the evidence from Home could have any bearing on the case.

Pte. Allum told his story. He said that on April 17 about 8 p.m. he was in the wet canteen at Victoria Barracks. He ordered a pint of beer and went into the billiard room. From that time until about 2 a.m. on the 19th he had no recollection of what he did or where he went to; he did not even remember leaving the canteen. He woke up in the lower barrack room at Whitfield Barracks Kowloon. He got up and walked into a Bombardier's room and fell over some utensils which were laid out for inspection. The Bombardier's asked him what he was doing there and he could give no explanation.

Explaining this apparent lapse, Pte Allum said in December 1918 he was in the Royal Air Force. During the war he was wounded three times, once in the head and in April 1917, he was brought down during aerial combat and had a severe crash. For this and as a result of this wounds he received a disablement pension of 60 per cent when he was discharged. In August 1919, however, he re-enlisted but was discharged medically unfit in February 1920. Owing to domestic troubles, Allum went on, he was practically forced to enlist again and did not mention anything at all about his past medical history. In September 1922 he was sent to Cairo, then to Khartoum and finally to Hongkong.

Since I was first discharged from the Army," continued Allum, "I have been subject to fits of depression and temporary loss of memory." During the last eight months these lapses have been more frequent.

Asked by the President where he had been wounded, Allum said over the left eye and under the chin, in the fleshy part of the neck.

According to L/Cpl. Champion, Pte. Allum was missing at roll call at Wellington Barracks at 9 p.m., and could not be found in his quarters.

Bombardier Wood of the R.G.A. told the Court that he was awakened in his room about 2 a.m. on the 9th and found Allum there. He fell over some utensils and appeared to be very drunk. Allum was without his coat, cap and belt.

Sentence will be promulgated in due course.

ARMS FIND.

REVOLVERS ABOARD "KINSHAN."

FIREMAN ARRESTED.

Seven six-chambered revolvers and 2024 rounds of ammunition were seized on the s.s. "Kinshan" at 7 a.m. yesterday, prior to the vessel's departure for Canton. The arms were found by Revenue Officers in coal bunkers and this morning a fireman was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with possession.

Detective Inspector Pincott, asked for a week's remand as the police were looking for another man who is alleged to have absconded. The case was put back for a week.

RENTS.

WHEN THE COURT HAS NO JURISDICTION.

The Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, announced in the Summary Court this morning that the court had no jurisdiction in cases such as that brought by Mrs. Siu Wai-ling who claimed to establish her title as lessee to the first floor of 55 Hollywood road and to recover the rents thereof. The case was one which aroused interest at the time owing to the revelations made of profits received by certain tenants who sub-let.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. GARROD DIES AT HOME.

FORMER TRAFFIC INSPECTOR.

Hongkong friends of Mr. H. Garrod, formerly Traffic Inspector of the Police, has passed away at Home, according to a cable received in the Colony.

About a year ago he retired on pension after twenty-five years' service, when he was presented by the C.S.P. on behalf of the European force, with various souvenirs.

Old residents may recall that Inspector (at that time Sergeant) Garrod was instrumental in arresting the Chinese who attempted to assassinate the late Sir Henry May, at the official landing on his return as Governor in July, 1912.

Ex-Inspector Garrod was also prominent in Masonic circles, having occupied various positions in the United Services Lodge.

A cable was received on Sunday, that he was ill and had caused much concern to a large circle of friends endeared to him by his genial personality.

Sympathy will go out to Mrs. Garrod at Home, and to the son, Mr. S. Garrod of the Colonial Secretariat. Inspector Garrod also leaves a number of daughters who are also in the Old Country.

RECORD RUN.

"THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME."

After the succession of great movie plays they have seen during recent months, Hongkong cinema-goers are now as keen critics of the screen as any to be found in the world. Therefore no higher tribute could be required for a picture than the steady support now being given to "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," the splendid film version of Victor Hugo's immortal story of the great Cathedral in Paris. More than once now the Management have been compelled to turn away people seeking admission as the house has been completely full. Accordingly special early booking facilities have been instituted and those intending to see this superb picture should make their reservations beforehand.

THE "MADISON" MAIL.

VERY LITTLE DAMAGED IN FIRE.

The s.s. "President Madison" carrying mail from America, which was reported to have been partly destroyed owing to a fire which broke out at Kobe, arrived at Hongkong this morning.

The China Mail was informed by the Superintendent of Mails that of the 589 bags for Hongkong, four hundred have been received and examined and as far as they can see, very little has been damaged. The letters that have searched will be delivered.

It is probable that some of the damaged mail has been held up at Shanghai in which case it will be despatched to Hongkong as soon as it is identified. This is, however, not confirmed yet.

A MYSTERY.

WHERE DID THE TICKET COME FROM?

A charge of "travelling on the Yumati ferry preferred against a Chinese doctor was dismissed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The evidence given was to the effect that when the ticket-collector came round yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, the doctor presented a ticket which was proved to be forged. The doctor said he got the ticket from a "woman."

The woman was called into the witness box and she said her son had given it to her. The son was also called and he said it had been given to him by a school mate. At this juncture, Mr. Hamilton said the matter had gone far enough. The defendant would be discharged.

AMUSING KOWLOON.

STAR THEATRE'S GOOD PROGRAMMES.

Showing at the Star Theatre this evening is the great historical film that delighted Coronet Theatre audiences several weeks ago, namely "Passion," which is the authentic film version of the life of Madame du Barry, the little milliner who became chief favourite of Louis XV and ruled the kingdom in his name. Among the other remarkable qualities this picture possesses is the superb acting of Pola Negri as Madame du Barry.

"Passion" will be shown in the Star Theatre for the last time to-morrow night. Mr. William Houghan, the famous Scottish singer appearing on Thursday night, and the popular Quintus Co. beginning a Kowloon season on Friday night.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

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LAST YEAR'S REPORT.

1922 Account.—After paying an interim dividend of \$18 per share on 10th May, 1923, the amount standing to the credit of this Account is \$1,188,319.45.

This is resolved to deal with in the following manner:—

To pay a final dividend of \$22 per share	\$220,000.00
To add to Sterling Reserve Fund	215,246.64
To add to Reinsurance Fund	250,000.00
To add to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the year 1922	\$103,072.81
	\$1,188,319.45

1923 Account.—The amount standing at credit of this Account is \$2,120,923.63. Out of this the General Agents and Consulting Committee have declared an interim dividend of \$18 per share absorbing \$180,000.00. The balance of \$1,940,923.63 will be carried forward.

Consulting Committee.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A. and Mr. J. H. Hennessey, F.S.A. and the latter in place of Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. on leave.

Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. and the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net:—"Batur" No. 24, rough white July delivery \$11.75, August delivery \$11.75, September delivery \$11.75. "Soy" No. 24, rough white \$13.85, No. 24 fine white \$15.50, No. 18 rough brown \$13.30, Java brown \$11.80.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net:—No. 1 Siam long white \$9.70, No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.85.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs:—Sperry's \$3.46, White Greens 2.55, Nutmeg Orange 2.53, Kingfisher 2.82, Maize, 2.45, Big Gun 2.62, Tiger Shield 2.90, Globe 2.44, Old Mill 2.44, Reinder 2.50, Melon 2.48, White Rose 2.40, C. and C. 2.58, Dayton 2.50, Banana 2.44, Kwan Tao 2.44, Molluse Fairy 2.44, Blue Ribbon 2.44.

SILK.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President Jackson" which sailed from this port on April 10 at 10 a.m., arrived at New York on May 3 at 5 a.m., having been 22 calendar days and 19 hours in transit.

INSURANCE DIVIDENDS.

The N. C. D. News is informed that at the next ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., to be held towards the latter part of May, the directors will recommend, subject to audit, the payment of a dividend to shareholders of 22½ per cent (\$2.25 per share).

At the next ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Far Eastern Insurance Co., Ltd., to be held towards the latter part of May, in the Yangtze Insurance Building, the directors will recommend, subject to audit, the payment of a dividend to shareholders of 7 per cent. (T.S. 1.40 per share).

SHANGHAI MARKET.

Shanghai, May 2.
The North-China Daily News, says the markets generally are dull, the tendency during the week being very slack, which is attributed to a reaction from the almost exciting times during the last few weeks. The Chinese are being attracted away from the cotton and yarn markets by what appeared to be better chances of making money by the heavy dealings which have been the order in the gold market. In place goods a temporary falling-off in the demand has made things somewhat dull, but there are no signs of easier prices.

The produce market remains unchanged, except for a slight increase of interest in egg products. The European business is generally dull, buyers' ideas of prices being considerably below local values.—Daily Bulletin.

COAL.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 19 amounted to 93,350 tons and the sales during the period to 60,491 tons.

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"KRIVA"	9,067	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"ALIPURE"	5,273	5th June	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"RAGHAR"	6,513	13th June	Singapore, Penang, Calcutta & Bombay
"SOLIMAN"	6,849	14th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	6,336	23rd June	Singapore, Penang, Calcutta & Bombay
"KARMALA"	10,911	26th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	9,098	12th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	6,813	2nd July	Singapore, Penang, Calcutta & Bombay
"DEVANHA"	10,941	13th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	6,092	9th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	10,912	23rd Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	6th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	11,430	20th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,951	4th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	10,911	18th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,840	1st Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"TAKADA"	6,849	15th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TORILIA"	5,805	18th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,090	18th June	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"MOREA"	6,336	19th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RAGHAR"	6,849	3rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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Per P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" on May 3:- Mr W. H. Hill, Mr E. A. Post, Mr D. Loughlin, Mr J. Tutchings, Miss M. C. Bedford, Mr P. C. Morgan, Mr P. O. Rogers, Mr R. Bell, Mr Mrs and Miss Kirk, Mr A. E. Derrick, Mr W. Taylor, Mr A. E. Chapman, Mr J. M. Phillips, Mr and Mrs Morrissey, Comdr. H. Robinson, Mrs L. Lun, Mr H. Cooper, Mr and Mrs Davidson, Mr J. S. Black, Mr and Mrs Mason, Mr J. Jordan, Mrs Collins, Mr P. R. Lequeux, Mr B. C. G. Monnypenney, Mr H. P. Gubbins, Mr G. R. H. Smith, Mr C. Claridge, Mr and Mrs Wilson, Mr W. J. Mooney, Mr E. R. Harner, Mr A. Bagh, Mr B. L. Bunting, Mr R. Menashi, Mrs D. C. Boss, Mr Daniel, Mrs Brennan, Mr Yue Bing, Mr and Mrs J. Burton, Mr J. W. Van Dyk, Mr L. Bolegson, Mrs Fox, Mr L. Haworth, Mr R. Pearson, Miss G. F. A. Hodder, Mr J. Le Rougetel, Mr and Mrs L. H. Hoyt, Mr and Mrs Machin, Mr F. Delhaye, Mr J. C. Henpyer, Mr V. Bouchez, Mr F. White, Mr Vermer, Mrs and Miss Given Beck, Mr and Mrs Courtenay, Miss L. K. Powell, Mr Haynes, Miss Ellis, Captain Mallalieu, Captain Hornsby, Dr. A. R. J. Douglas, Mrs Bryon, Mr A. C. Hall, Mr E. Bamford, Miss G. Sayer, Mr D. Kennedy, Mr W. Heugham, Captain N. O. Parkes, Mr Yap Tai Wah, Mr Soh Yeh Beng, Madame Cho Wai Hing, Mrs Yan Tai Sing, Mrs Yap Pow Cheng, Mr and Mrs J. S. Pyman, Mr C. Hamilton-Wickes, Mr Hen King Hwa, Mr W. J. McElrath, Mr W. C. R. Lamphill.

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OLYMPIC VISITORS.

At the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, this afternoon, local athletes will compete against members of the Japanese Olympic team who are travelling through on the "Katori Maru."

In the 100 yds. N. Tani will try his speed against D. Urquhart, L. A. Carvalho, and Capt. Hayes Newton.

For the 440 yds. Mackleworth and A. Carvalho will oppose T. Nando, the Japanese crack.

In the mile, Tashiro will run against Urquhart, Lal Khan and Stoker Bell.

H. Tani will run against Urquhart and H. Braga in the 220 yards.

For the 880 yds. Bandsman Hannon, Lal Khan and A. Mair will represent Hongkong against T. Nando.

Regarding the Marathon, the course will probably be from Shaikwan, and Lieut. Armstrong will run against K. Oda, the Japanese choice.

There will also be a Putting the Shot event and a team race.

Aquatic contests will be decided at 9 p.m. at the V. R. C. bath.

In the 50 yards, Messrs Onoda and Takashi will be opposed by J. R. Johnstone. In the 100 yards the same swimmers will compete, whilst for the 400 yards, Messrs. Takashi and Miyahata will oppose Messrs. A. May and J. Noronha. The team race will be between Messrs. K. Onoda, K. Takashi, T. Miyahata, K. Noka and K. Saich and Messrs. J. R. Johnstone, C. J. Cooke, A. Noronha, B. Assumpcao and Carvalho. There will be a back stroke race, breast stroke race and also water polo.

The Japanese Committee, with whom the V. R. C. have been working to arrange the sports, is composed of Mr. Takahashi (Japanese Consul General), Mr. Kimura, Mr. V. Watanabe, Mr. R. Asama (President of the Japanese Young Men's Association), and Mr. K. Imamura. Mr. R. C. Wittell has been acting for the V. R. C.

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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	LIENSANG	Sun., 11th May, 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	OHENSHANG	Sun., 11th May, 2 p.m.
TRINGTAT via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Wed., 14th May, 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	TAISANG	Fri., 16th May, 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via HOIHOW	OHENSHANG	Fri., 16th May, 10 a.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Sat., 17th May, 11 a.m.
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(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

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Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours, etc.,

E. MARCULLI

Hongkong, May 3.

OBITUARY.

MR. HARRY GREASY'S DEATH.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The Hon. Mr. Greasy has suffered a bereavement by the death of his cousin, Mr. Harry Greasy of the firm of Julius and Greasy, of Colombo, on Sunday April 27 last.

The late Mr. Harry Greasy was 72 years of age and had been suffering from illness for several months. He was a well-known public figure in the colony, and his death was a great loss to the community. He was a member of the Council of Directors of Public Works, and his services to the colony were many and varied. He was a man of high character and great ability, and his death is a great loss to the colony.

In 1911 Mr. Harry Greasy was elected Member of the Legislative Council. There was a reason for the seat not being held by a member despite the fact that the only European seat was vacant and vacant. At that time the mercantile community resented the abolition of the Mercantile Seat and as a protest refused to have anything to do with the elections. Mr. Greasy, however, came forward and was re-elected. Mr. Greasy more than maintained his reputation and engaged in many a strenuous fight in Council. During the riots and the war he took up many matters affecting the efficiency of the port. He did a public service in raising questions regarding the equipment of the port in matters like efficient dragging apparatus for mines. His name will long be remembered for the fight he put up in regard to level crossings and facilities of approach to suburban railway stations, and eventually he secured the level crossings affording access to the beach. During his fight for these crossings an incident occurred which aroused considerable public interest. An ayah in charge of a child allowed the latter to stray on to the railway lines when a train was passing. She ran up to the child when the train was fairly close, and the driver, in attempting to pull up, damaged the engine. The ayah was prosecuted for trespass and fined. Mr. Harry Greasy conducted the defence as *amicus curiae* and returned to the bench. The Solicitor-General, the late Mr. Walter Jervise, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Justice Greiner held that rather than a fine, the ayah's plea deserved commendation and set aside the conviction. The funeral was largely attended.

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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PEKING, April 27.

An incident occurred on April 13, when a Chinese soldier attacked a British subject, and two other foreigners along the Wall for no apparent reason. The matter has been a very serious one and here are the facts as to date.

On Sunday morning, April 13, Mr. A. T. A. Smith, who recently arrived in Peking from London, was taking a walk on top of the Tartar Wall near the Water Gate when he was suddenly set upon by a Chinese soldier, and brutally beaten without the slightest provocation. Had it not been for the gallant and effective interference of a Canadian member of the American Legation Guard and two Chinese (Legation) Police things might have been still more serious. Mr. Campbell was walking along when the Chinese soldier barred his way. Mr. Campbell told the soldier to go away, and took no further notice of the matter. Suddenly the soldier hit Mr. Campbell on the mouth with something heavy, and smashed his pipe. Although Mr. Campbell was taken unawares he managed to turn on the soldier and knock him down. The soldier then came at Mr. Campbell with full force, brandishing a heavy object in his hands. Mr. Campbell goes on to say that the soldier struck him on the head, and as he was recovering from the blow, the soldier kicked him several times, although some what dazed, he was able to climb with the soldier, and throw him against the wall, and as he fell he saw the heavy object in Mr. Campbell's hand with full force, and for the first time Mr. Campbell saw that the head of the object contained a stone. At this point Corporal Campbell came running up, and called the soldier. A few seconds later two Chinese Legation police arrived and struggled with the soldier, who was still fighting as hard as he could. It was not until several men had come running to help that they managed to overcome the soldier.

The soldier was then marched off to the police station. Mr. Campbell has a badly bruised jaw, a sprained wrist and several contusions about the face and body. He came to the police station in connection with a very large British mining and smelting concern and this is his first visit here for 17 years.

Later in the day it was learned that this same soldier attacked an Italian gentleman, and an American, the latter being Mr. Pommeroy. He and his wife were walking along the Hammeran, and a soldier making towards them. They sheered off to one side, but the soldier determinedly followed them. Mr. Pommeroy asked the soldier what he was doing. The soldier then held Mr. Pommeroy and pulled with such force that Mr. Pommeroy's coat was ripped, and his sleeve torn out. A policeman came up, and the soldier said: "You have no right to interfere." Two other soldiers were approaching in the same uniform, and a number of coolies started to crowd round. Mr. Pommeroy walked off while the policeman was detaining the soldier. The soldier was later arrested and placed in the Legation Police jail. The fact that the Legation refused to hand over the soldier to the authorities, until guarantees as well as the presence of foreign officials at the culprit's trial, is deeply stirring the Chinese Press and creating a situation which is likely to upset the friendly relations between the Chinese and Foreign communities in Peking.

Notices have appeared calling for mass meetings to be held in the Central Park. The meetings have been arranged by members of Parliament.

STRAITS BOXING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, May 5.

In a boxing contest, Jambo beat Pelky who was disqualified for a low hit in the twelfth round.

ROXOR

HAINAN RIDDLE.

REPORTS OF A WHITE TRAVELLER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kiungchow, May 1.

Riddle! A white man travelling alone in the wilds of Hainan. The report comes from a market known in the local dialect as Hun Siang, that a European or American was met there on his travels toward the south of the island. He was already 60 miles inland. It may be that he is in some difficulty, for the reporter said the man spoke no Chinese of any kind, and was off the most frequently travelled route for the south.

Island Quiet.

Hainan affairs are on the whole quiet and prosperous. The same cannot be said of the Luichow Peninsula, which is just across the Strait from Hoihow. Nearly nine months ago the officials' soldiers retired from Sivan City at the extreme south of the peninsula and the bandits were forgiven and became the rulers of the sub-district. For a few months there was peace and the refugees who had fled to Hoihow returned to their homes. But during the past month and longer there has been a recurrence of the old trouble. Hundreds have again fled to Hoihow. It seems that the trouble began with the ex-bandits capturing enemies and rich people within Sivan itself. Now the whole district is rife with worse brigandage than ever.

Dealing With Brigands.

In 1923 the brigands and People's Army were quite active in Vunsio district which is to the east. Now this condition has been much changed for the better. One means used was protective police and another, punitive bands of official soldiers. The protective police have local officers and in fact most of their men are local. They have patrolled roads and erected block-houses at exposed points so that brigandage has about ceased. Where robbing has been especially bad, a band of soldiers numbering 150 to 200 have been sent. These have captured suspects right and left and have executed freely. Many houses of suspects have been burned and movable property confiscated. Old enemies have paid off old scores and no doubt many innocent have been executed. The theory seems to be that it is better to shoot ten innocent men than let one guilty escape. Although the evils of this system are obvious, it does seem to cure highway robbery.

A Progressive City.

Vunsio city, which is nearly 50 miles south and east of here, is the scene of extensive repairs to say the least. A trunk road is being worked on to connect this city with the port. Some work has been done on all but 15 miles of the distance. Some good stone bridges have been built and several more are in the course of construction. In Vunsio city many shopfronts have been wrecked to provide wider streets. A large city market has been built. The city wall has been razed and a decent sort of park is being laid out. Most of the men in Vunsio have been in foreign parts so the people are more progressive than those in most parts of Hainan.

WILLIAM HEUGHAN.

LAST NIGHT'S FINE CONCERT.

In is probable that Mr. Heughan loses something in being advertised principally as a singer of Scottish songs. Here is an artist who should appeal to all who love a good song, well sung. In a programme of wide and varied range, the Scottish songs were the least successful, although these of course, simple in their setting, were not without their charm. Two Russian songs, an excerpt from Grand Opera sung in Italian, a cycle of English songs, and then the Scottish songs—this was the order in which they aroused the enthusiasm of a very delighted audience. "The song of the Volga boatmen" requires an artist of great imagination to do it justice, and Mr. Heughan certainly gave it reality. "The Yeoman of England" and the favourite Prologue were finely rendered revealing Mr. Heughan the possessor of a very pleasant top register. Encores were frequent and readily conceded, the happy manner of the artist conducting to a pleasant evening. Miss G. Sayer provides artistic accompaniments, and pianoforte solos. Her rendering of Macdowell's "To a wild Rose" was done with delightful charm. Mr. Dave Kennedy provides light relief in the shape of humorous songs. Another concert will be given this evening, and there is to be a grand Scottish night to-morrow under the auspices of St. Andrews Society.

A DREAM OF YOUTH.

IS ROMANCE DEAD IN THESE BARREN ISLES?

(By JOHN SINCLAIR.)

Whoever has said there is no romance in these Fragrant Isles must either be a celibate or a misogynist. Stripped of his harmless veil of cynicism, in his heart he must confess that he has failed with Romance. Romance came his way or like the timorous individual he is, he has shirked it. Romance is not a thing which money can buy, nor can it be found in the mere searching for it. It comes unexpected, in a moment of unpreparedness, perhaps once in a man or woman's life or maybe more. No! Romance is not dead as the degenerate deplore. Neither is it monopolized by novelists who specialise in South Sea Islands or the Big Breasty Backwoods. I have seen more romance in the slums than in Society's drawing rooms, but in both it is the same—a man and a maid and youth.

Three months ago, Arthur and Nellie were strangers. Arthur, the youth with ideas, Nellie, whose dreamy eyes were like small pools in the forest's depths. Both were romantic souls. Arthur looked a little out in the common acceptance of the idea, long hair, big bow and baggy trousers but in his abstract view of things. He talked little, but his occasional comments revealed at once his education. In Nellie, I could visualize the nymph, like light threads which I found a private legal person had once seen loose floating in the air when we had bathed at Sungeaters. She was frail, but not pathetically frail—a frailty which partly hid her beauty. She was indeed a little goddess and often when I thought of her, I envied the man who would claim her and she willingly would give herself up to him to continue her romance with her life long partner.

Whoever introduced Arthur to Nellie had at least one good turn in his life. For it was not difficult to discern that after the first meeting, Nellie and Arthur were affianced. In each other they had found a soulmate. It was not a passionate, overwhelming love which they bore for each other, but a love of greater understanding, something which seemed inflexible. With fine restraint they preserved their feet during the moments that they were at dinner, a procedure which to them seems a necessary but little item of life. They do not squeeze hands under the table nor give away any of that impatient show which characterizes young lovers. They are waiting with a magnificent fortitude until they are united in wedlock. They are already united in heart and mind.

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HOUSING PROBLEM.

London, May 5.

In the House of Commons, the third reading of Mr. E. D. Simons' evictions bill was passed. Reuter. [This Bill has taken the place of the Government's defeated Eviction Bill, the Government giving it qualified support.]

ASSAULT CHARGE.

MOTOR DRIVERS FALL OUT.

Two Indian chauffeurs employed by Mr. J. Arnold of the Steamboat Co. and Dr. Black, respectively, figured as complainant and defendant in an assault case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

For the prosecution it was alleged that after Mr. Arnold's man had taken out a summons yesterday, defendant further assaulted him and Mr. Arnold had to fire a shot to deter him.

Mr. G. R. Haywood who represented the complainant, said that he was prepared to go on with the case to-morrow but he understood that Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who had been retained for the defence, would be busy during the week.

His Worship fixed hearing for Monday next at 10 a.m. and allowed bail in the sum of \$50.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS



NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, the Supply of Water to ALL the RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS will be controlled by bringing the RIDER MAINS into operation and that Water will be turned on to each RIDER MAIN daily for Two Consecutive Hours. Information as to the Hours of Supply to any Particular Property may be obtained on application at the Office of the Water Authority, the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, or at the Tung Wah Hospital.

HAROLD T. GREASY—

Water Authority.

Public Works Department,

Hongkong, 5th May, 1924.

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SHANGHAI RACES.

OPENING DAY OF SPRING MEETING.

THE RESULTS.

Yesterday was the opening day of the Shanghai spring meeting. There were eleven events on the card, and we are indebted to the Hongkong Club for the following results:

THE CHEFOO CUP.—One mile and three furlongs. Mr. Henry Morris' Patafield, (Mr. Heard) 1. Mr. Day's Bonnie Scotland, (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 2. Mr. Durgor's Kashmir, (Mr. Burkill) 3.

Time: 3 mins. 00.45 secs. **THE CRITERION STAKES.**—One mile. Mr. M. M. Sokoloff's Ataman, (Mr. Sokoloff) 1. Mr. Toeg's McKenzie, (Mr. Crokan) 2. Mr. Campox Old Bill, (Mr. Brand) 3.

Time: 2 mins. 09.00 secs. **THE GRIFFINS PLATE.**—Three quarters of a mile. Mr. Harry White's Don Alphonso, (Mr. Patterson) 1. Mr. Day's New Zealand, (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 2. Mr. Liddell's Ryecliff, (Mr. Brand) 3.

Time: 1 min. 32.15 secs. **THE CATHAY CUP.**—One mile and a quarter. Mr. Harry White's Kings Cross, (Mr. Patterson) 1. Mr. Henry Morris' Englefield, (Mr. Heard) 2. Messrs. Potts and Haykin's Harvest King, (Mr. Hill) 3.

Time: 2 mins. 50.45 secs. **THE POU-MAT-ING CUP.**—One mile. Mr. Day's Silver Spear, (Mr. Heard) 1. Messrs. P. M. Lancaster and W. A. White's Irrepressible, (Mr. Mc Bain) 2. Messrs. E. A. B. and N. W. H.'s Light Hand, (Mr. Brand) 3.

Time: 2 mins. 12.45 secs. **THE HART LEGACY CUP.**—Half a mile. Mr. Henry Morris' Henryfield, (Mr. Heard) 1. Mr. Harry White's St. Paul's, (Mr. Patterson) 2. Mr. Toeg's Archer, (Mr. Crokan) 3.

Time: 1 min. 32.15 secs. **THE NANKING CUP.**—Three quarters of a mile. Miss Billy Court's Skyras, (Mr. Knoll) 1. Mr. Day's Shenkolfand, (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 2. Mr. Liddell's Cartington, (Mr. Brand) 3.

Time: 1 min. 44.45 secs. **THE KIANGSU CUP.**—One mile and three quarters. Messrs. Day and Toeg's Columbia, (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 1. Mr. Henry Morris' Abbeyfield, (Mr. Stewart) 2. Mr. Henry Morris' Letchfield, (Mr. Heard) 3.

Time: 3 mins. 55.00 secs. **THE ECLIPSE STAKES.**—One mile and a quarter. Mr. Liddell's Ravenscroft, (Mr. Brand) 1. Mr. Day's Borderland, (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 2. Mr. G. D. Court's Plumpton, (Mr. Burkill) 3.

Time: 2 mins. 49.45 secs. **THE HANKOW CUP.**—One mile and a quarter. Mr. M. M. Sokoloff's Bonne Affaire, (Mr. Sokoloff) 1. Mr. Day's Republic, (Mr. A. N. Dallas) 2. Mr. We Two's Young Bill, (Mr. Hill) 3.

Time: 2 mins. 46.45 secs. **THE HONGKONG PLATE.**—Seven furlongs. Mr. Henry Morris' Rayfield, (Mr. Stewart) 1. Capt. Bohnson's Lyksborg, (Mr. Hill) 2. Mr. Harry White's Don Pedro, (Mr. Patterson) 3.

Time: 1 min. 52.45 secs.

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Acquaintance with the Colony will at any rate lead to a fuller realization of the difficulty of filming an island such as ours and a deeper appreciation of the work of Mr. F. Key, Acting Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, under whose supervision the pictures were produced by the Sun Motion Picture Co. The official exhibition of the pictures was held last night at the Helene May Institute, H.E. the Governor being present; also Sir Claud Severn and members of the Legislative Council.

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GERMAN ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, May 5.

Sufficient results are available to indicate roughly the constitution of the new Reichstag. The Socialists lost between 50 and 60 seats chiefly to the Communists, but remain the strongest party, with about 100 deputies compared with 173 before the elections. The German Nationals are second largest with some ninety seats, a gain of between 20 and 25. The Communists have 45 or 50, an increase of between 30 and 35. The role of the other parties is still uncertain, as numerous results have still to come. The extreme Nationalists will probably secure about twenty, compared with three in the last Reichstag. The form of the new government is not quite clear at present, but there is evidence that the German Nationals will be the deciding factor.



GENERAL LUDENDORFF.

Up to six o'clock this morning out of 35 electoral districts the results of the election in 22 were known. Hitherto 244 candidates have been returned, including Social Democrats 28, Communists 38, Democrats 12, Centre 39, German Peoples' Party 25, German Nationals 12. So far, thirteen Bavarian People's Party candidates have been returned and ten candidates of the Prussians Party. In Bavaria, Wunnenberg and Hesse about 75 per cent. of the electorate over the Reich had voted. Those elected include: Bismark, Count Westarp, General Ludendorff, Dr. Dingeldey, Hilferding, Marx, Wirth, Stresemann and Von Tarnitz.

The results of the elections have hitherto already made it clear that the extreme Nationalists have in no wise done as well as was expected and must be content to take a back seat in the new Reichstag. Even in the extreme Nationalists stronghold of Munich a large number of votes went to German Nationals. It is significant that the extreme Nationalists did not gain a single seat in occupied territory. On the other hand German Nationals, of whom the late Herr Hindenburg was the leader and who are Monarchists and reactionaries and opponents of the expert's plans, have done extremely well and will be the second strongest party in the Reichstag with about ninety seats compared with 67 previously. Communists have done even better than expected and obtained nearly sixty seats compared with fifteen previously. It is noteworthy that they have gained particularly at the expense of the Socialists in occupied territory and also secured heavy gains in parts of Berlin and the industrial towns in Saxony and Thuringia. Seemingly practically all former independent Socialists has gone over to Communism.



HEER STRESEMANN.

The German People's party led by Herr Stresemann has done badly and is likely to lose a score of seats to the German Nationals. The Catholic Centre party under Marx and the Democrats both held their own and will have over sixty and about forty seats respectively as before. No important changes are expected in other groups. The position of the new Reichstag is very interesting but complicated. There is a possibility that the majority of the deputies will favour the acceptance of the expert reports but a two-thirds majority is necessary for a change in the Constitution involved. The acceptance of the expert's report without the support of the German Nationals. If they remain irreconcilable opponents to the report, which is doubtful, there will be no chance of the Reichstag adopting the report and evil days will again fall upon Germany.—Reuter.

GOOD YEAR.

CHARTERED BANK'S PROGRESS.

REVIEW AT ANNUAL MEETING.

The 70th ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was held on Wednesday, April 2, 1924, on the Bank's premises at 38, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., Sir Montagu Cornish-Turner (the chairman) presiding. The Chief Manager (Mr. W. E. Preston) having read the notice convening the meeting and the report of the auditors.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, I should like to explain, in regard to the concluding part of the auditors' certificate, that the reason why the full details of the Yokohama Agency have not been received is that nearly all our accounts and books were destroyed at the time of the earthquake in Japan. The earthquake occurred in the middle of the day, when business was in full swing, and in the space of six seconds the bank's premises were destroyed. It is hardly to be wondered at that the books and papers which were then being used were destroyed by the earthquake and by the fire which followed it; but, thanks to the energy of our staff out there, we are pretty well prepared with all details and statements, so that there is no trouble arising from the destruction of our records.

Having expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Lord George Hamilton and Sir John Jordan, through ill-health, and also of Sir Alfred Dent, the chairman proceeded:—Before dealing with the business before us, I would refer briefly to the loss sustained by the board of directors in the very sudden death of their much-valued and respected colleague, the late Sir Duncan Carmichael. With his long and varied business experience, added to a sound and impartial judgment, although a comparatively young member of the board, Sir Duncan proved himself to be of substantial assistance in the deliberations of the Court of Directors, especially in all questions connected with Eastern trade. Apart from that, he was to some of us an intimate and appreciated friend of many years' standing, and his passing away created a void which it is not easy to fill.

The vacancy on the board has been filled by the election of Mr. Colin F. Campbell, of Messrs. Forbes, Forbes, Campbell & Co., Ltd., of London and Bombay. Mr. Campbell has had a long and honourable business career in London and in the East, and has a deserved reputation as one of the leading figures in banking and commercial life in the City of London. I am sure you will agree with me that we are fortunate in having secured his services, and you will be asked to-day to confirm his election.

Results Not Unsatisfactory.

Referring to the report and balance-sheet now submitted for your approval, I trust you will agree that, in view of all that happened in 1923, and all that did not happen in the way of revival of trade, and in spite of keen competition, the results shown are not unsatisfactory. The year 1923 was a year of disappointment, and perhaps of disillusion, in that we did not experience a substantial revival in trade, nor did we witness any marked improvement in the unsettled political condition or in the financial condition of Central Europe. This state of unsettlement permeated both East and West, and in consequence we experienced a period of great difficulty and at times no small anxiety. Thanks, however, to careful and capable management and remitting attention on the part of our managers and staff at home and abroad, we have emerged from that period of anxiety and perplexity with some profit and without any serious loss.

Turning to our balance-sheet, our total figures at 253,765,547 11s. 10d., showing a reduction of £1,387,835 4s., as compared with those for 1922, merely reflect the generally slack state of trade during the past year. It is pleasing, however, to note that our current accounts and fixed deposits at £41,590,027 1s. 2d. compare so favourably with the £42,408,289 10s. 11d. of the preceding year. Our cash in hand and at bankers at £4,070,004 18s. 6d. is 100 per cent. higher than the same item for 1922, namely, £4,015,804 16s. 9d., whilst bullion on hand and in transit at £1,060,190 4s. exceeded our 1922 figure by £504,498 9s. 6d. Our holdings of Government and other securities totalled £14,385,289 11s. 4d. over our closing figures for 1922, due to the fact that we took advantage of a change from Treasury Bills to somewhat longer dated securities, giving a better return, which accounts for part of the decline of £3,987,842 6s. 8d. in our Bills of Exchange, including Treasury Bills, from £17,932,445 in 1922 to £13,944,602 18s. 9d. at the end of last year. Our bank premises of £971,050 14s. 8d. show a small increase over our 1922 figures, but this year's allocation will bring that down.

The net profit is just about the same as in 1922, and enables us to pay the same dividend and bonus to shareholders, and to make the same allocations to reserve, officers' superannuation fund, and premises account.

The Japanese Calamity. The outstanding feature in the Far East has been the disastrous earthquake which visited Japan on September 1 last. No disaster of such a magnitude, involving such an appalling loss of life and property, both in Tokyo and Yokohama, has, I believe, previously happened in our generation.

Material damage, caused partly by fire resulting from the earthquake, to the extent of many millions sterling has resulted, but, thanks to the marvellous energy and indomitable courage of the Japanese nation, their Government at once took in hand the reconstruction of the two cities, and in a wonderfully short time business was resumed. From a speech recently delivered in London by Mr. Inouye, lately Finance Minister in Japan, it would appear that in Tokyo the number of lives lost was about 85,000, and the number of houses burnt 350,000, but against this loss about 150,000 temporary dwellings had been erected, and of the 1,000,000 people who had left the city during the earthquake, about 600,000 had returned. Their energies, said Mr. Inouye, were splendid. It speaks volumes for Japan as a nation that the recent loans issued in London and New York—loans issued entirely of the credit of Japan and without any collateral security—met with such a wonderful response and such a success. It is a testimony to the honesty and high commercial standard of Japan as one of the great powers of the world. (Hear, hear.)

As far as this bank is concerned, I regret to say that although the material loss in Yokohama, resulting from the earthquake, was no more than might reasonably have been expected, and which has been fully provided for, we sustained a grievous loss in the most regrettable death of our manager, Mr. A. H. Tait, unfortunately killed when a short distance from the bank building. Mr. Tait had done excellent service in the bank. He was a man of great promise, an indefatigable worker, and a most faithful servant. His death is a distinct loss to the bank and to all who knew him as a friend. The board of directors and management have already expressed their sympathy with Mrs. Tait, but I would take this opportunity of doing so publicly, and also of expressing very great sympathy with Mr. Nicoll, one of our assistants, in the death of Mrs. and Miss Nicoll. We would also sympathise with the relatives of those members of our local staff, ten in number, who lost their lives when at their post of duty in the bank building.

In spite of the disaster and all the consequences resulting therefrom, the bank's business, which had been transferred temporarily from Yokohama to Kobe, has been again transferred to Yokohama, where we have a temporary office, and an agency has also been opened at Tokyo to meet the requirements of our friends and customers. Our staff, both at Yokohama and Kobe, deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they carried on under circumstances of the greatest difficulty and danger. (Hear, hear.)

As might be expected, the balance of trade is at the moment against Japan, partly due to national causes, such as the import of material necessary to reconstruct the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama, but also to the importation of sundry goods which would seem to have been due to speculation and not to the legitimate requirements of trade. This undoubtedly has caused the fall of the yen to a level below 2s., and is only of a temporary character.

As regards other new branches, I may mention that we have recently opened at Semarang in Java, and Zamboanga in the Philippines.

China's Troubles.

The position in China, I regret to say, shows no signs of improvement. Civil war is rife and huge sums are taken from the revenues of the country to maintain vast bodies of troops, who are a danger to all peaceable citizens, and who consume the revenues which are required for the economic development of the country after due payment has been made of interest on foreign and domestic loans. Both imports and exports are suffering from the

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want of security in the transit of goods inland, and business both in North China and in Hongkong is deplorably dull.

This state of things, I fear, will continue until China is blessed with a really powerful government determined to rule, and to put an end to the disturbed state of the country.

There was an improvement in trade in Siam during 1923 as compared with the previous year, and the prospects of the new rice crop are considered to be good. The shareholders will be pleased to hear that, in conjunction with the National Provincial Bank, Ltd., we successfully issued last week the Royal Siamese Government 6 p.c. loan for 20,000,000. The amount was applied for over ten times, and this was due to the eminently satisfactory financial position of Siam, as evidenced by the table furnished in the prospectus of the revenue and expenditure of the country.

India's Improved Finances.

As regards India, too much importance should not be attached to the political troubles which at present exist, and must cause some anxiety to the Viceroy and those responsible for the good and peaceful government of the country. India is sound at heart, and loyal, despite the occasional blasts of hot air which at times cause an overheated atmosphere in the Council Chambers of our great Dependency. The financial position has much improved, and practically the deficit in her Budget no longer exists. The tea industry is very prosperous, and fute holds its own. There have been good crops of wheat, cereals and oil seeds, but prices require adjustment, quotations from the East being above the level of those ruling in Western markets, and business is thereby restricted. It is interesting to note that the local consumption of certain seeds is on the increase, especially edible oil seeds, and the quantity available for export is therefore not so large as usual.

The cotton crop of India, at 5,000,000 bales, was about the normal, and it is rather interesting to note that the total cotton crop of the world is about 17,000,000 bales. Of that America supplies 10,000,000 to 11,000,000; India comes next with 5,000,000; China supplies about 1,750,000; and Egypt 1,250,000; and now we have, as mentioned in the speech of Sir Charles McLeod yesterday, at the meeting of the National Bank of India, East African cotton coming into the market to the extent of about 100,000 bales; that is most promising.

Out of the 5,000,000 bales grown in India, Europe takes about 1,050,000, and China and Japan 1,700,000 bales. Taking the ordinary current price of to-day for 2,700,000 bales, it means about £85,000,000, and that sum has to be found chiefly by the exchange banks for financing the export. In fact, owing to the additional price of cotton, the extra accom-

modation which the banks have had to provide this year has been about 35 crores of rupees.

Eastern Business Healthier.

Taking everything into consideration, the general position of business in the East is far healthier than it was 12 months or 18 months ago. The old stocks of goods have been gradually worked off, and when prices of commodities have been levelled between the producer, the exporter, and the consumer, there should be an improvement in business. How far we may look for an improvement in business in this country is really rather problematical, in view of the incessant industrial unrest and the incessant strikes, which are really the heaviest cloud overhanging the horizon of our present and future trade. This increased cost of production, with no increase in the output of manufactured articles, makes it extremely doubtful whether we as a nation can hold our own with other competing countries—especially Germany, France and Belgium. In any case, we must hope for the best, and we can rely on our managers and staff at home and abroad continuing to show the zeal, energy and ability which has resulted in the success of this bank, and for which we directors beg to thank them. The financial position of this bank is such that we are prepared to meet, at any point, and at any moment, the increased demands of our friends and customers when the hoped-for revival of trade in the East and in the West has come to pass. With these remarks, ladies and gentlemen, I beg to move that the report now presented, together with the balance-sheet and profit and loss account be approved and adopted. I call on Mr. Cuthbertson to second that motion.

Mr. Thomas Cuthbertson seconded the resolution.

Mr. F. Tomkinson said that he would like to associate himself with the remarks which the chairman had made regarding the loss of life during the earthquake. The shareholders shared the sympathy felt by the directors for the relatives of the victims. He congratulated the chairman on the interesting nature of his address, and expressed satisfaction with his feeling of confidence in the stability of India.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Chairman next proposed "That a dividend at the rate of 1s. 6d. per annum for the half-year ended December 31 last, together with a bonus of 6s. 3d. per share, free of income tax, be now declared payable on and after the 9th inst."

Mr. W. Foot Mitchell, M.P., seconded the resolution, and it was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. L. A. Wallace, the election of Mr. Colin F. Campbell to the board was confirmed and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. M. G. Proffit, the retiring directors, Mr. Colin F. Campbell, Sir William Henry Neville Goschen, K.B.E., and the Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I., were re-elected.

Mr. Robert F. Banks proposed, Mr. H. B. Henley seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that Mr. D. C. Wilson, F.C.A., and Mr. H. C. K. Stileman, F.C.A., be re-appointed auditors.

Mr. F. Tomkinson proposed a vote of thanks to the directors and staff for their successful management of the business. In doing so he said that were it not for the able management of Mr. Preston and his staff in London, and the managers and staff abroad, the shareholders would certainly not be receiving a dividend of over 20 p.c. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. B. R. Glover seconded the vote, and it was unanimously accorded.

The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the directors.

Mr. W. E. Preston (Chief Manager) also acknowledged the vote on behalf of the staff. They had had, he said, some grey days in 1923, but they hoped that 1924 would provide a reaction. (Hear, hear.)

On the proposition of the Rev. H. A. Raynes, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, and Sir Montagu having acknowledged the compliment, the proceedings terminated.

BILLIARDS.

THE HO KOM-TONG CUP.

At the Palace Hotel last night A. J. Osmund defeated K. K. Leung. Osmund owed 325 and Leung 250. When Osmund reached his points Leung had only knocked off 218 of his handicap. The chief breaks of the evening were: Osmund, 23, 26, 34, 24, 30, 62, 34, 72 and 45; Leung, 21, 45 and 21.

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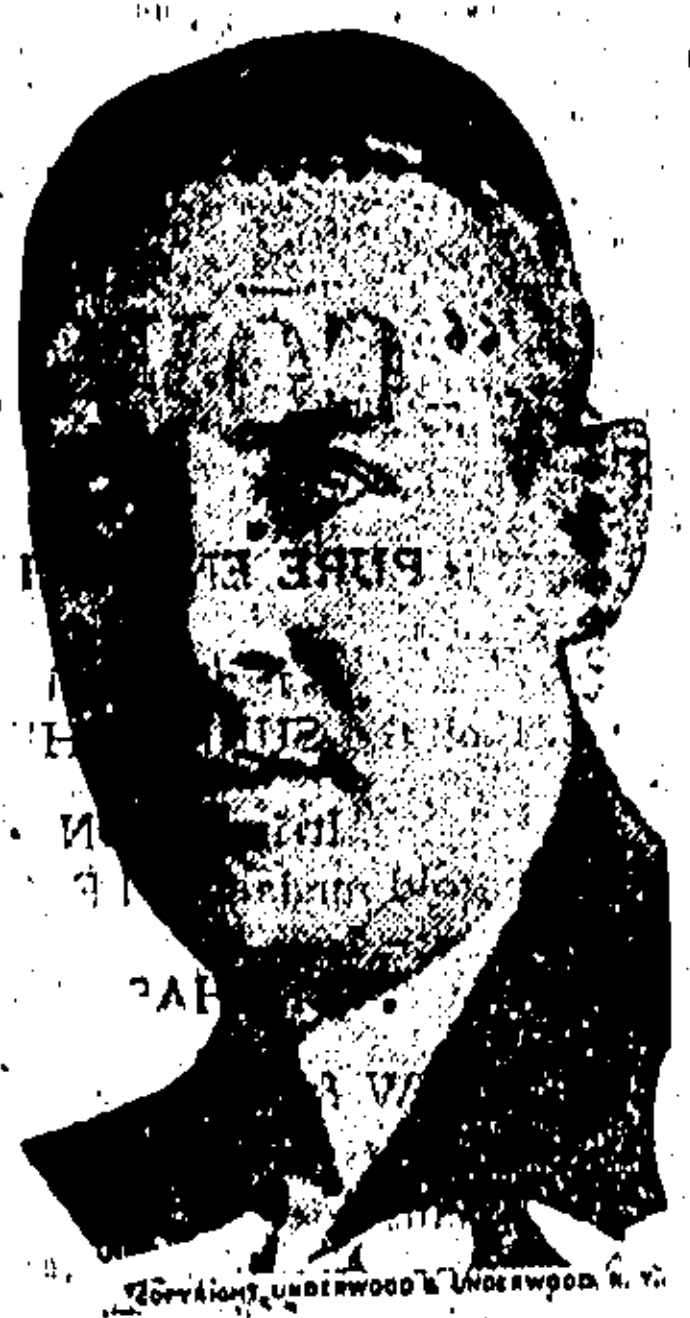
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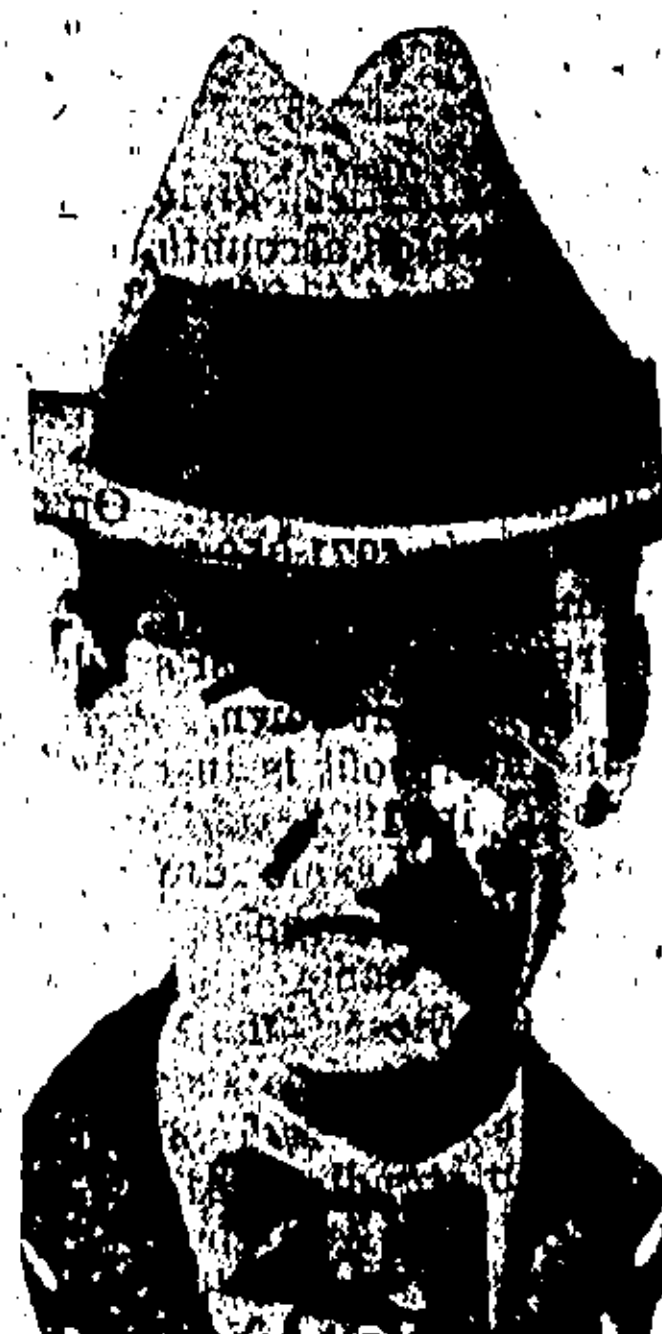


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A. E. Watts, vice-president of the Sinclair Oil Company, who has been appointed a receiver, jointly with Rear-Admiral Joseph Strauss, U.S.N., of the land leased in the Teapot Dome Naval Oil Reserve to the Mammoth (Sinclair) Oil Company, pending settlement of the Government's suit to annul the lease.



Rear-Admiral Joseph Strauss, U.S.N., recently appointed one of two joint receivers to take charge of the oil lands in the Teapot Dome Naval Reserve, leased to the Sinclair interests, pending final settlement of the Government's suit to annul the lease.



Photo by Central News.

Carnival Week at Nice.—King Carnival on his curious steed in the procession.

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Archbishop George W. Mundelein, of Chicago, who stands high in the favour of Pope Pius XI. He was a Cardinal at the Lenten consistory.



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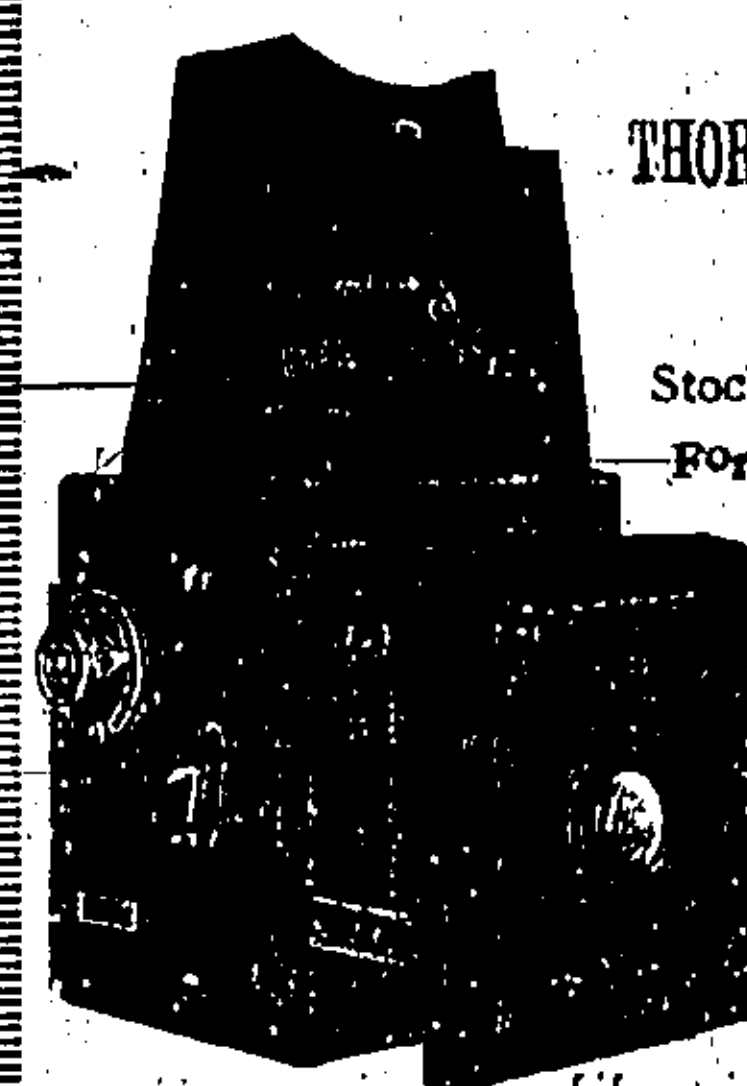
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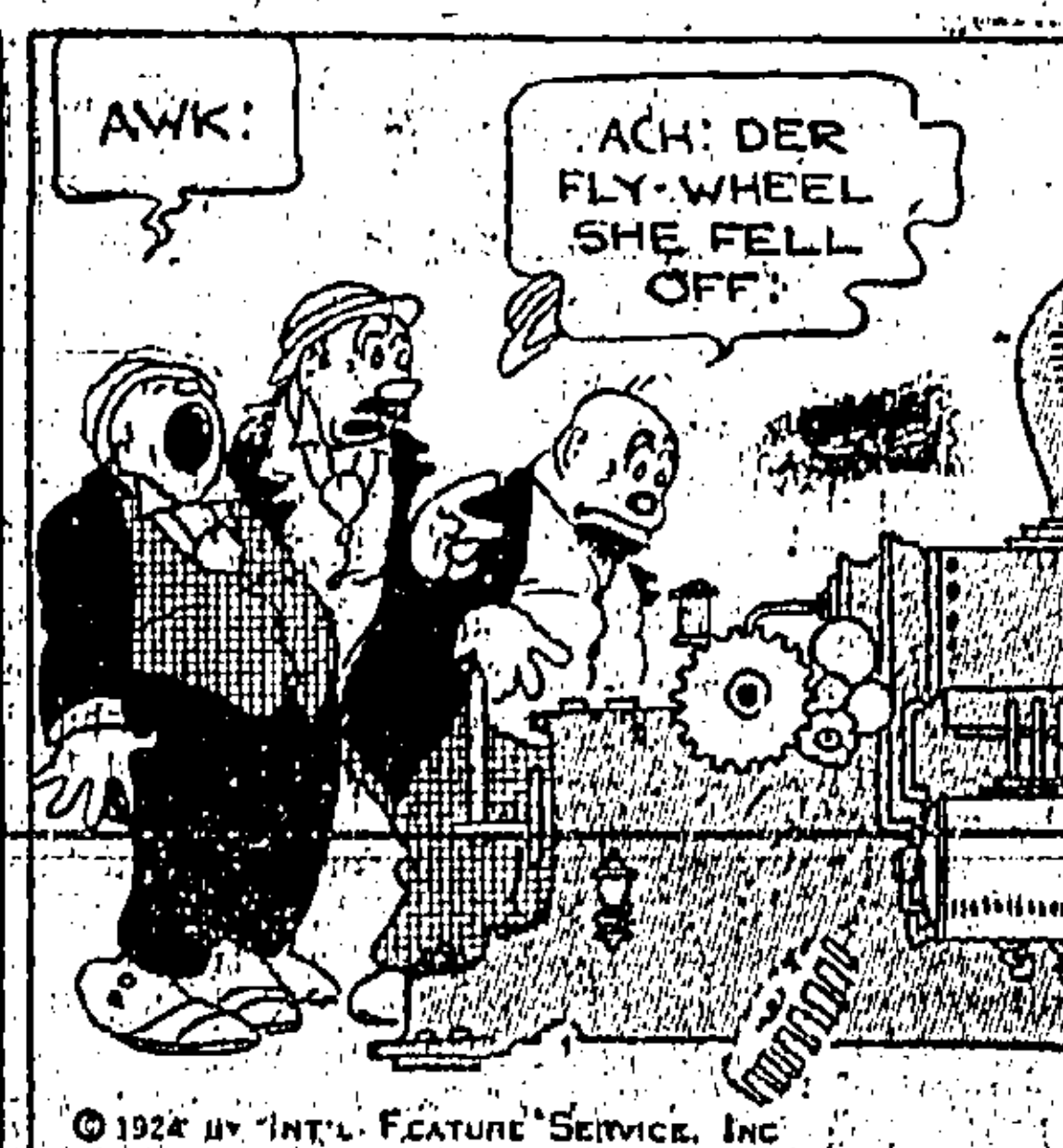
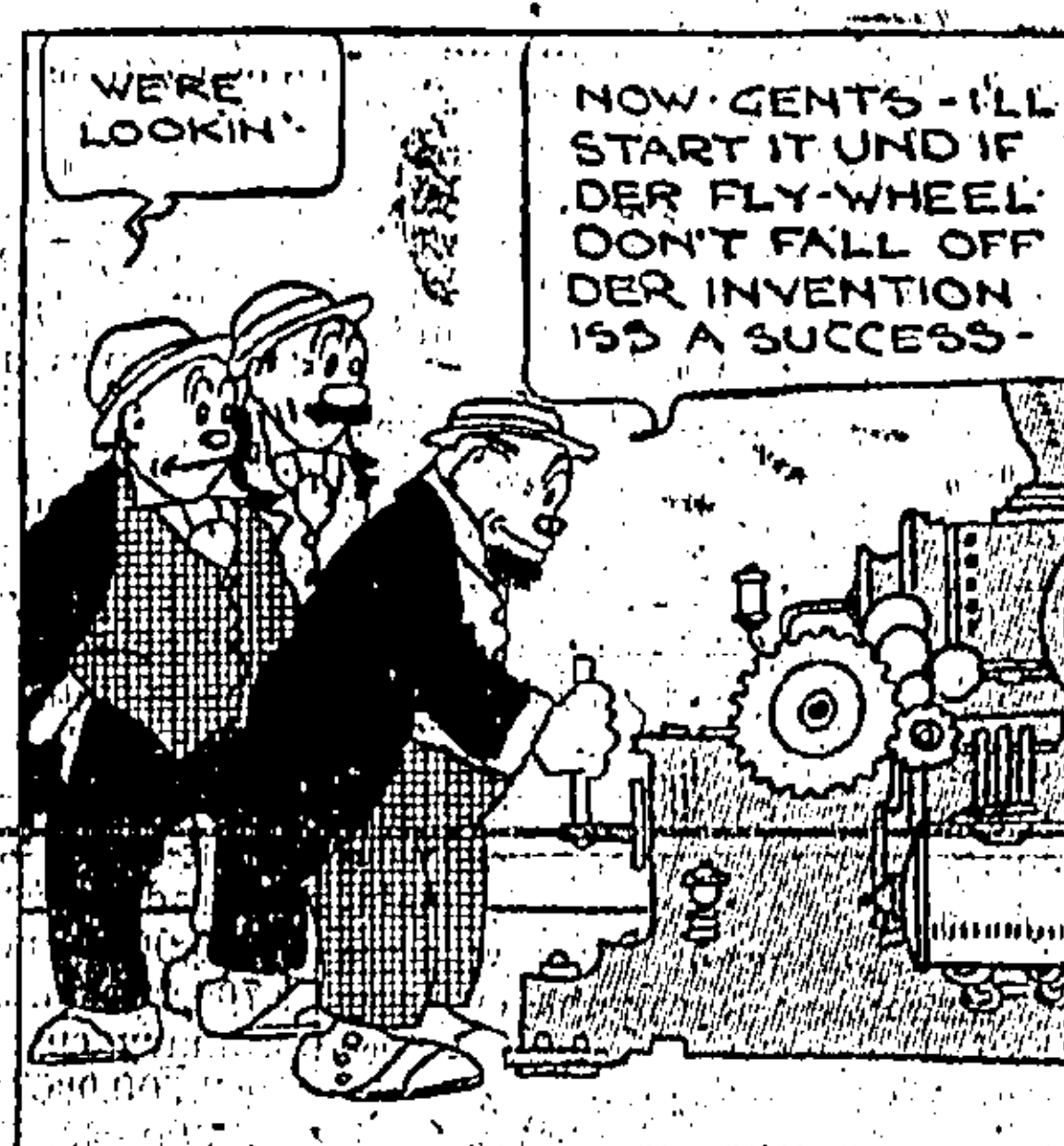


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the China Mail learned this after-
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